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**DOUBLE:** Graziano Pelle celebrates his second goal with Shane Long.

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# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS 2 SPURS 2: KOEMAN'S SIDE PEGGED

# BATTLE OF THE FINISHES ALL

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There was a fantastic atmosphere at St Mary's with the Saints fans cheering manager Ronald Koeman and significant pockets of orange around the ground in honour of the manager.

Mauricio Pochettino, meanwhile, was roundly booed the first time he ventured off the bench and into his technical area.

The game started at a high intensity with both sides clearly aware of the significance of the match.

Tottenham were playing like a carbon copy of Saints under Pochettino last season, very high tempo and pressing really high up the pitch.

Koeman's men meanwhile were looking strong and trying to dominate possession to impose their game on Spurs.

With both sides cancelling each other out somewhat there were no early chances.

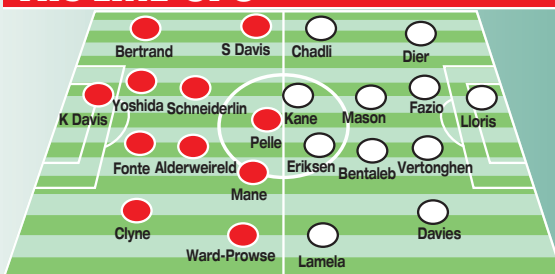
The nearest either side came was Ryan Bertrand's fantastic left-wing cross on 11 minutes but Graziano Pelle couldn't quite reach it and was already in an offside position.

Bertrand put in another brilliant left-wing cross seven minutes later, this one low and right into the six-yard box, but there was no Saints player in there to convert.

Spurs had looked the more threatening of the two sides but it was Saints who had the first genuine chance of the game on 25 minutes.

James Ward-Prowse delivered a low right-wing corner that was met by a side-footed effort

### The LINE-UPS



**SAINTS SUBS:** (from) Gazzaniga, Gardos, Targett, Reed, Tadic, Elia, Long.

**SPURS SUBS:** (from) Vorm, Chiriches, Yedlin, Dembele, Stambouli, Townsend, Soldado.

TOBY Alderweireld handed Saints a major boost ahead of the game against Tottenham after being declared fit to start.

The Belgian star was stretchered off in the closing stages of the previous week's defeat to Stoke City with a shoulder injury.

Reports in his homeland had suggested a serious injury however it thankfully proved not to be as bad as feared and he partnered Morgan Schneiderlin in the centre of midfield.

Ronald Koeman made just one change to the side that lost at the Britannia Stadium with James Ward-Prowse replacing Dusan Tadic, who dropped to the bench.

Filip Djuricic was still sidelined by an ankle injury.

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from Morgan Schneiderlin.

The ball went through several players but Hugo Lloris saw it in time to get down low to his left and turn it wide.

Lloris was beaten though as Saints took the lead on 29 minutes.

It was a shambles of a goal from a Spurs point of view.

Pelle flicked the ball round the corner to Sadio Mane, who accelerated away with his pace. He was challenged on the edge of the area and Saints went crazy as Ward-Prowse attempt-

ed to retrieve the second ball and went down claiming a foul that wasn't given.

However, it worked out perfectly as Ryan Mason slipped on the ball and panicked when he got up, sending a woefully short back pass into his own area.

Ben Davies should have just cleared but attempted to hold off Pelle and shepherd the ball back to Lloris but the Spurs keeper remained on his line. The big striker might have given Davies a slight push in the back but was able to get a



leg past the falling Davies and toe-poke the ball past the rooted Lloris.

After Jan Vertonghen and Davies went in the book for fouls Saints might have had another goal five minutes before half-time. Again Bertrand was the provider with a left-wing cross that picked out the run of Steven Davis but his effort from 12 yards out went well wide.

However, the game was level again on 43 minutes.

Saints allowed Eric Dier time to pick out a right-wing cross, which flicked off the head of Harry Kane at the near post and found Erik Lamela just in behind.

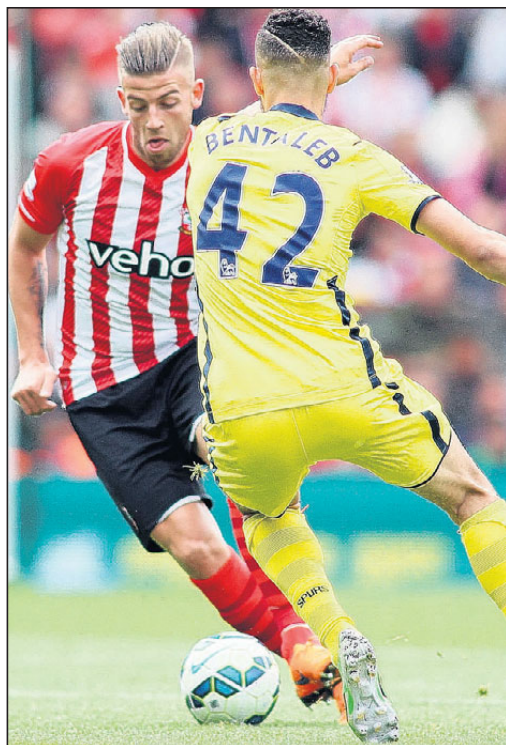
He didn't make a clean connection with the ball under pressure from Jose Fonte, with it seeming to strike his arm and divert the ball goalwards. Kelvin Davis sprung to his left and got a strong hand to it but couldn't quite keep it out and the sides went in level at the break.

The second half got off to a roaring start with Steven Davis having another good chance five minutes after the restart.

Spurs backed off him and allowed him time and space to pick his spot from just inside



**FANS GO WILD:** Graziano Pelle celebrates his first goal with James Ward-Prowse in front of jubilant Saints supporters.



**ON THE BALL:** Toby Alderweireld.

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# Saints Spotlight

## BACK TWICE AS FORMER BOSS MAKES ST MARY'S RETURN

# BOSSSES SQUARE



**ABOVE:** Ronald Koeman, left, and Mauricio Pochettino take in the match action.



**LEFT:** Graziano Pelle scores past Tottenham's Ben Davies.

the area but he dragged his shot across goal and wide.

It just wasn't Steven Davis' day as he missed an even better opening four minutes later.

Mane played the ball into Pelle in the area and he flicked it back to Davis. He produced a superb first touch to jink inside and buy himself a yard but his second, a bending right-footed shot towards the far top corner from ten yards out, went wide.

Saints were well on top and Lloris was called into action

moments later, having to turn Bertrand's deflected left wing cross over the bar as it threatened to dip in.

Bertrand tried a shot with his right foot on the hour mark after Pelle cut back from the left by-line but it curled narrowly over the bar.

Saints made their first change on 62 minutes with Shane Long coming on for Ward-Prowse.

It paid off as Saints took the lead again three minutes later.

Long was the provider was a

right-wing cross that was met by a huge leap from Pelle, who had left marker Federico Fazio for dead.

The big Italian scored his and Saints' second of the game with a magnificent header which he guided into the bottom corner from ten yards out.

Spurs responded quickly though and equalised again on 70 minutes.

It came almost out of nothing as a pass down the right channel from Dier was played into the path of Nacer Chadli. He showed great strength to hold off the attentions of Maya Yoshida on his left shoulder and produced a low shot across goal as he reached the six-yard box that beat Kelvin Davis and went into the far corner for 2-2.

Davies had to be replaced after an injury as he attempted to clear from Mane with Vlad Chiriches coming on.



**HEADING FOR A FALL:** Sadio Mane is fouled.

Koeman made a very attacking change with nine minutes remaining as he brought on Eljero Elia for Steven Davis.

Fonte's header back across goal briefly threatened before Fazio headed clear.

Spurs made a defensive change with Moussa Dembele replacing Chadli and then introduced Roberto Soldado for Nabil Bentaleb.

There was a late blow to Saints as Schneiderlin hobbled off holding his left knee and was replaced by Harrison Reed.

After all the injuries there were seven minutes of stoppage time and Toby Alderweireld's stooping header from a corner picked out Lloris.

Saints had a chance with literally the last touch of the game as Elia's corner picked out Fonte but his diving header from eight yards out went narrowly over the bar and the game ended level.



**GROUND BATTLE:** Graziano Pelle and Ryan Mason.

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# Saints Spotlight



**HELPING HAND:** Mauricio Pochettino gives the ball to Nathaniel Clyne.

## Poch: I still love Saints

MAURICIO Pochettino said he still loves Southampton despite getting a frosty reception on his return to St Mary's.

The former Saints boss, who left the club for Tottenham last summer, saw his side twice rally from a goal behind to draw 2-2 with Ronald Koeman's men.

Pochettino was given a bit of stick by Saints supporters but said he understood why and still has a great affinity with the club.

He said: "I think that I was focussed on my job.

"I think that we met with a lot of people that we love and that love us. We have very good memories and love always Southampton and no change.

"I understand the game, football is like this, it's normal.

"They need to show their support to the manager and the club and now I am Tottenham and I am very happy for the reaction from our supporters and I say thank you because they show their support to me."

Speaking of the game he added: "I think that we conceded two goals from our mistakes.

"I am a little bit disappointed with that.

"I think we try always to manage the game and the possession for us was more than 60 per cent but Southampton are a very good team, very good players and very difficult to play at St Mary's.

"I think the effort of our players was very good. Two times down but a result, we show big character to come back in the game and in the end a good result for both teams."



**TALKING TO:** Morgan Schneiderlin.

# KOEMAN RUES POOR FINISHING



**RONALD Koeman** admitted to being "disappointed" after Saints were held to a 2-2 draw by Tottenham.

Graziano Pelle twice gave Saints the lead but goals from Erik Lamela and Nacer Chadli meant they had to settle for a draw.

Saints created by far the better chances in the game, and Koeman was pleased with their display, but

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felt that failing to hit the target in good positions cost them what could have been a huge win in the battle for Europe.

He said: "It was a fantastic football game. I enjoyed it very much.

"Good football, two teams who

played to win the game out of a good organisation, good individual players.

"Maybe we had the better chances in the game but this is the way how I like to play football and of course to play at home on two occasions you go in front in the score 1-0 and 2-1 a little bit disappointed but for the rest is very proud of the team because good football, we showed our level, we

showed our ambition and we scored a great second goal.

"That's football but playing at home two times in front you expect to win the game.

"Maybe one moment in not a good defensive organisation too much space to Chadli and he punished us but it can happen."

Koeman also absolved referee Jonathan Moss of any blame for not spotting a handball from

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# Saints Spotlight



**BACK OF THE NET:** Graziano Pelle watches on as his header beats Hugo Lloris.

Daily Echo picture by Chris Moorhouse



**EURO RIVALS:** Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino, left, and Saints boss Ronald Koeman at St Mary's.

Lamela for the first Spurs equaliser.

"I saw it at half-time," said Koeman. "OK, but if the referee gets that possibility to see that at half time he will give handball but it was going so fast it is so difficult for the referee to see exactly what happened."

"It's handball but I think it was too fast, too difficult for the referee to see it was exactly handball."



**GOING UP:** Watford players celebrate the win that sealed their promotion this afternoon – but will Cherries be doing the same on Monday night?

## Cherries benefit as Boro slip up

CHERRIES are the only side who can pip Watford to the Championship title after the Hornets clinched their return to the Barclays Premier League with a 2-0 victory over Brighton today.

And the south coast side's own promotion prospects received a massive boost thanks to a stoppage-time winner at Fulham.

With Middlesbrough slumping to a 4-3 defeat to Fulham and Norwich failing to see off Rotherham, the league-leading Hornets can now only be caught by Bournemouth, who play on Monday.

It also means that a win for Bournemouth in the home clash against Bolton will leave them three points clear of third-placed Middlesbrough with a game to play, and a far superior goal difference.

Watford, who now boast five successive wins, ground out a workmanlike success before a crowd of 28,841 at the Amex Stadium to return to the top flight, eight years after their relegation from the Premier League.

Slavisa Jokanovic's side took the lead in the 29th minute when Troy Deeney rifled in his 21st goal of the season from close range.

The Seagulls should have taken something from the game and defender Joe Bennett wasted an opportunity to grab them a point late on, before Czech substitute Matej Vydra sealed the points with a cool finish in the last minute of stoppage-time.

A hat-trick from Lee Gregory in Millwall's 3-3 draw with Derby was not enough to lift the Lions out of the relegation zone.

Millwall looked on course to leapfrog Rotherham, who were deducted three points for fielding an ineligible player on Friday, when they were 3-1 up after 50 minutes, but a 70th-minute penalty from Chris Martin and Jeff Hendrick's strike five minutes from time handed play-off hopefuls Derby a valuable point to keep Millwall in 22nd, one point behind the Millers.

Derby's late equaliser handed a lifeline to Wigan, who are three points adrift of safety after their 1-0 defeat to Wolves, which leaves Kenny Jackett's side eighth in the table, two points away from the play-off places.

Brentford are also two points behind sixth-placed Derby after seeing off Reading 2-0.

Middlesbrough's hopes of automatic promotion were dealt a blow by Ross McCormack, who scored three goals including a stoppage-time winner as Fulham won 4-3 at Craven Cottage.

Norwich's promotion hopes also took a hit as Rotherham scored a late equaliser in a rousing 1-1 draw.

Elsewhere Freddie Sears scored a priceless 83rd-minute winner as fifth-placed Ipswich remained in the play-off zone with an edgy 2-1 victory over Nottingham Forest.

Huddersfield and Blackburn played out a 2-2 draw, while Birmingham recorded a 1-0 victory over Charlton.

Leeds beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 in a hotly-contested Yorkshire derby at Hillsborough and Cardiff beat basement club Blackpool 3-2.

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# Premiership Spotlight



# Foxes are big winners in fight to avoid the drop...

**LEICESTER and Hull were the significant winners in the Barclays Premier League relegation battle, with respective wins at Burnley and Crystal Palace.**

The Tigers and the Foxes both earned some breathing space, while others failed to do likewise on Saturday in a clutch of matches with a major bearing on who will drop out of the top flight next month.

Dame N'Doye missed a first-half sitter but put Hull in front seven minutes into the second half, and for good measure it was he too who made it 2-0 in injury time at Selhurst Park.

Leicester looked briefly in trouble against their bottom-of-the-table hosts at Turf Moor, where Matt Taylor had the chance to give Burnley the lead from the penalty spot just before the hour mark.

Instead, he hit the post – and within seconds Nigel Pearson's men snatched the points at the other end as Jamie Vardy appeared to get the final touch, after the ball deflected goalwards off the Claret's Michael Duff.

Sunderland drop into the bottom three after a 1-1 draw at Stoke.

Dick Advocaat's visitors were in front after just 58 seconds, thanks to Connor Wickham but Charlie Adam (27) made it all square at the break, and that was how it stayed.

Newcastle's losing run extended to seven matches, 3-2 at home to Swansea.

Ayoze Perez gave the Magpies the lead in the 20th minute but Nelson Oliveira equalised in first-half injury time, and then Swansea were in front thanks to Gylfi Sigurdsson four minutes into the second half.

Jack Cork (71) deepened the gloom for the home supporters at St James' Park – and even though the fit-again Siem de Jong (87) got one back, Swansea hung on.

QPR are still in big trouble after a goalless draw at home to West Ham.

The hosts did not make it easy for themselves when Charlie Austin's first-half penalty was saved by Adrian, but their own goalkeeper Robert Green did well to stop an Aaron Cresswell shot soon after the break.

It was 0-0 too between West Brom and Liverpool, Tony Pulis' side therefore banking another point to stay clear of worry and the Reds still in fifth, just a point ahead of seventh-placed Saints.



Leicester City's Jamie Vardy celebrates after Burnley's Michael Duff scores an own goal.



Crystal Palace's Glenn Murray (left) and Hull City's James Chester (right) battle for the ball



Liverpool's Jordan Ibe (right) faces up to West Bromwich Albion's Craig Dawson (left) and Craig Gardner (centre) during the match at The Hawthorns.

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# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

## OLD VERSUS NEW



**AFTER Chelsea's victory over Manchester United, they are now, bar the formal presentation, the champions of England.**

This title will also mark the ten-year anniversary of the Blues' first league success in over 50 years, which was the first of the Roman Abramovich era.

So, with both title-winning sides having been led by the same man, Jose Mourinho, who would win in a hypothetical clash of Stamford Bridge eras?

Chelsea's 2004/05 side that broke their long league drought were bona fide record breakers, accruing 95 points – more than any other team have managed in the Premier League era.

They conceded the least number of goals and kept a staggering 25 clean sheets that season.

In terms of statistics, this current Chelsea team don't come close, but in terms of personnel

and style how do they measure up?

In between the sticks is arguably where both teams have been blessed in equal measure.

Ten years ago, Petr Cech was establishing himself as one of the best goalkeepers not only in England but in world football, just as Thibaut Courtois is now doing.

Separating the two, even today, proves difficult, and in this respect either side can count on one of the best to guard their goal.

In central defence we see the 04/05 vintage take their first step in front.

For all of John Terry's heroics this year, few would argue that he is as commanding and impressive as he was a decade ago.

Added to this is that his partners have been of vastly different quality.

Terry and Ricardo Carvalho made up arguably the best central-defensive partnership the Premier League has seen and,

although impressive, the combination with Gary Cahill falls far behind the pair that broke so many records previously.

Again, the men screening the defence in both eras in west London have been the top of their discipline.

Nemanja Matic has been superb in his first 18 months at the Bridge, putting in performances that have seriously put into question why he was moved on in the first place.

However, up against him is the man that essentially defined and created the position.

Any midfielder who stifles the opposition and protects his defence like a mother defending their new-borns is playing in 'the Makelele role'.

The Frenchman, Claude Makelele, was ahead of his time and a revolutionary, and on that basis gets the nod over the super-talented Matic.

The striking area is arguably the

only one in which Mourinho's current charges have the edge over his former troops.

Didier Drogba had yet to reach the mountainous heights he would achieve in a blue shirt ten years ago, and when you compare that to Diego Costa – who has hit the ground running in such a way that few strikers in European football could – the Spain international just edges it.

As you may have noticed, this comparison has not mentioned the present Chelsea's star man, Eden Hazard.

He would unquestionably be a shining light in either side, and, for all of Damien Duff's attributes, he wasn't quite at the Belgian's level.

Few this season in the Premier League, and even in Europe, come close actually.

In terms of style of play, this present Chelsea team promised so much.

At the beginning of the cam-

paign, they played with a verve and swagger almost unheard of from a Mourinho side.

However, as the season has developed, they have become more and more the typical sort of outfit that we expect from the Chelsea boss.

But, with a fully fit Diego Costa and a firing Cesc Fabregas, the XI we now see is definitely more aesthetically pleasing than ones past.

If the two were to play against each other in some far gone universe, expect a dour affair, with two technically well-drilled teams physically battling it out.

However, with a Frank Lampard in his prime and a base of Terry and Carvalho, it would be hard not to back the old boys to overcome the new guard.

One thing is for sure, though. This current Chelsea side will be the ones standing tall in the Premier League at the end of the 2014/15 season and, for Mourinho, that is what matters most.

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# Non-league Action



**EVASIVE ACTION:** Ben Strevens narrowly avoids contact with Kiddermminster's keeper.

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**BATTLE FOR THE BALL:** Eastleigh's Craig McAllister against Kiddermminster. Order no: 34630402

## EASTLEIGH 2 KIDDERMINSTER 1: SPITFIRES SHOOT TO SECURE PLACE

**EASTLEIGH** overcame an early scare to confirm their Vanarama Conference play-off spot with a 2-1 comeback victory over Kiddermminster Harriers in their last game of the normal season at the Silverlake Stadium today.

Harriers took advantage of the Spitfires' early nerves to take a lead less than a minute in, as Danny Wright slotted home after Eastleigh stopper Ross Flitney messed-up a clearance outside his area.

But, in front of a bumper 4,024 crowd (their second biggest ever), Richard Hill's side found their stride and confirmed a remarkable fourth place Conference finish with a superb second period display, which means they face Grimsby Town in the two-legged semi-final, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

Ben Strevens hit his ninth goal of the campaign on 53 minutes as he fired in from the far-post from a Jai Reason corner for the equaliser.

James Constable, who worryingly limped off late on after taking a knock, was then on target for his 19th of the term as he coolly hit-home after Jack Midson had struck the post from range.

The result means that the Spitfires can disregard results from play-off rivals Macclesfield and Forest Green Rovers, and subsequently means they will now play in the semi-final on Thursday, April 30 at Stoneham Lane, followed by the away trip on Sunday, May 3.

One change was made from the 2-1 victory at Lincoln City, with Harry Pell dropping to the bench for Craig Stanley in a straight centre-midfield swap.

Kiddermminster, meanwhile, made two alterations with Callum Gittings and Luke Maxwell coming in for Jake Green and Nat Kelly to make up a midfield trio.

With this match one the biggest matches in Eastleigh's history some nerves were inevitable.

There was little concern that the home side would settle quickly and collect the magic point to confirm the play-off finish.

However, the early stages of the game the Spitfires were almost paralysed as the enormity of what could be achieved equated to a completely uncharacteristic cagey start.

Hill's side, usually exuding confidence, looked nothing like the side that had just won four games in a row and had calmly dismantled Kiddy 3-1 back in March.



And no sooner had Flitney collected Eastleigh's Player of the Season award that he was at fault for Kiddermminster's opening goal just 50 seconds in.

The round of applause that followed the collection of his accolade was probably still ringing in his ears as he burst out of his box to chase down a loose through ball, which had found its way past the Eastleigh backline.

Wright was alert to Flitney's impending error and latched onto the stray through ball as the keeper failed to clear.

The striker, falling over as he shot, swiped with his left foot and sent the ball on its way towards goal.

It wasn't fiercely struck, but it was enough to take it to the goal-line, where centre-back

Will Evans attempted to clear, only for him to bundle himself and the ball into the net.

It was a horrific start, and it could have got worse soon after, as Kiddy continued to apply pressure on the nervy Spitfires.

A Kevin Nicholson free-kick tested a jittery Flitney, as his long-range free-kick was tipped over by the keeper as it looked to dipping under his crossbar.

Moments later a dangerous cross had to be put out for corner as Eastleigh avoided going further behind.

The home side started to get over their nerves and started to build a good foundation of possession.

Evans looked in control as he came under pressure from experienced Kiddy striker Lee

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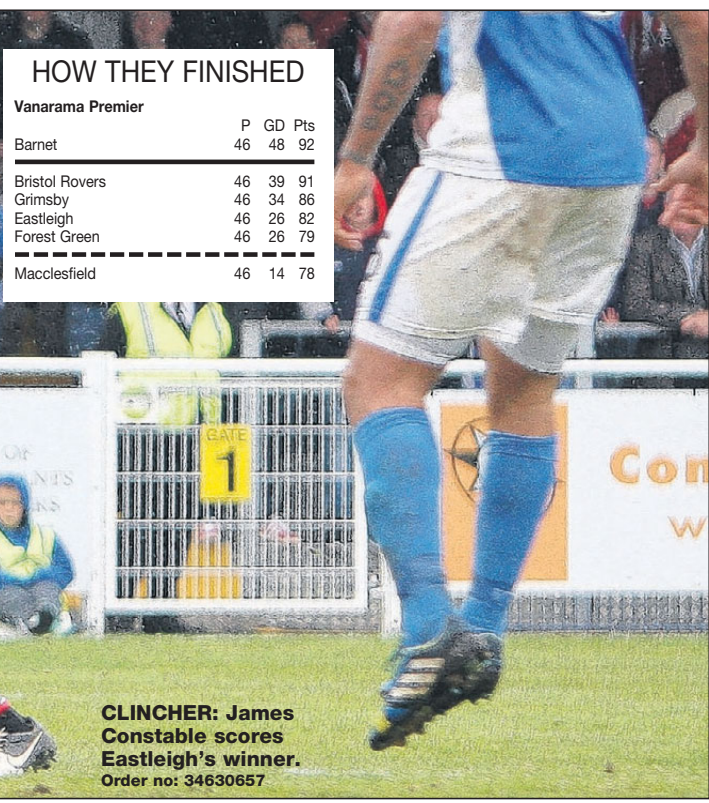
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**CLINCHER:** James Constable scores Eastleigh's winner.

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Hughes, who tried at time to bully him around. He wasn't having any of it, however, and was looking solid.

Some neat play started to develop from Eastleigh and that soon turned into chances.

Craig McAllister planted a header just over the bar while the Bitterne-raised frontman was on hand to head across goal from a Joe Partington cross.

It subsequently came to Midson, who couldn't quite apply the killer touch.

Midson had a couple more chances, but stabbed one just over on the brink of half-time after firing another just wide following Jai Reason's zipped free-kick.

Stevens also worked keeper Daniel Lewis as he pulled a solid save from him on 32 minutes from just outside the box.

Although the scores elsewhere in the play-off chase, with Macclesfield losing 1-0 at Torquay United and Forest Green Rovers drawing 0-0 with Dover, meant that the

Spitfires were still destined to finish in the promotion positions, it probably wouldn't have stopped boss Hill from giving his side a half-time rollicking.

Hill looked fired-up in his technical throughout the first-half and had seemingly given his outfit a rocket where the sun doesn't shine at the interval.

They came out with renewed urgency and were soon level, with Reason was instrumental in its creation on 53 minutes.

The attacking midfielder burst down the left flank and dragged his marker Jake Green into the box before he won a corner.

The former Braintree man delivered an in-swinging ball, deep to the back-post from the resulting kick.

It caused havoc among the visiting defenders and, as they swung hopelessly to clear it away, a line of Eastleigh players were on hand to prod the ball home. In the end Stevens got the decisive touch.

The nerves of the first half had completely

dissipated, giving Eastleigh the ability to channel their energy into applying all the pressure on the Worcestershire side.

Top-scorer James Constable came into his own, troubling the Kiddy backline before hitting the winner with 16 minutes left.

First, he pumped a header goal-ward, pulling custodian Lewis into a save at his feet.

The ex-Oxford United man was again in the thick of the action as he drove a shot low into the side-netting.

Then, on 74 minutes, came the goal that confirmed Eastleigh's play-off status and fifth win in a row.

Midson picked up the ball some 25-yards out and thundered a shot against the left upright.

It cannoned back out, clipping keeper Lewis on the way to the right of the six-yard box.

As Lewis looked around confusingly for the loose ball, Constable was alert to its whereabouts and slotted home a narrow angled shot from just outside the right of the six-yard box.



**BALL WATCHING:** James Constable and a Kidderminster opponent.

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**RUEFUL:** James Constable reacts after a chance goes begging.

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# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15

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<b>AUGUST</b>														
Sat 17 Liverpool . . . . .	L 1-2	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic*	S Davis**	W-Prowse	Pelle	Long*	Isgrove**
Sat 23 West Brom . . . . .	D 0-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Pelle	Long*	Cork**
Tues 26 Millwall (LC 2) . . . . .	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Targett	S Davis	Wanyama**	Isgrove*	Long***	W-Prowse	Pelle 1	Tadic*	Cork 1**
Sat 30 West Ham . . . . .	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin 2	S Davis	Tadic	W-Prowse**	Long*	Pelle 1	Ramirez*	Ramirez***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>														
Sat 13 Newcastle . . . . .	W 4-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1***	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle 2	Wanyama*	W-Prowse**
Sat 20 Swansea . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Tadic	Long	Pelle	Gardos*	S Davis**
Tues 23 Arsenal (LC3) . . . . .	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Gardos	Targett**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Mane*	Pelle	Long*	Bertrand**
Sat 27 QPR . . . . .	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand 1	Wanyama**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic***	Mane*	Pelle 1	Long*	Cork**
<b>OCTOBER</b>														
Sun 5 Tottenham . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane	Pelle	Long*	Gardos***
Sat 8 Sunderland . . . . .	W 8-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1	Schneiderlin***	S Davis*	Tadic 1	Long**	Pelle 2**	Wanyama 1*	Wanyama 1***
Sat 25 Stoke . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Tadic	Mane 1	Pelle	Wanyama*	Targett**
Weds 29 Stoke (LC4) . . . . .	W 3-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos**	Targett	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic	Long 1	Pelle 2	Cork*	Mayuka***
<b>NOVEMBER</b>														
Sat 1 Hull . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle	Mane*	Cork**
Sat 8 Leicester . . . . .	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin***	S Davis*	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	Cork*	Long** 2
Mon 24 Aston Villa . . . . .	D 1-1	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Long**	Tadic	Mane*	Pelle	Mayuka*	Cork**
Sun 30 Man City . . . . .	L 0-3	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin*	S Davis***	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	Yoshida*	Long**
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
Weds 3 Arsenal . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Cork*	S Davis	Tadic**	Long***	Pelle	Yoshida*	Mane**
Mon 8 Man United . . . . .	L 1-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis	Long**	Tadic*	Mane	Pelle 1	Hesketh*	Mayuka**
Sat 13 Burnley . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis	Hesketh*	Tadic	Mane**	Pelle	W-Prowse*	Long**
Tues 16 Sheff Utd (LC5) . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Targett*	Wanyama**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Tadic	Mane**	Long	Isgrove*	Mayuka**
Sat 20 Everton . . . . .	W 3-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Yoshida 1	Bertrand	Reed	W-Prowse*	S Davis	Long**	Pelle 1	Targett*	Gape**
Fri 26 Crystal Palace . . . . .	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne***	Gardos	Alderweireld 1	Yoshida	Bertrand 1	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	S Davis*	Mane 1	Pelle**	Wanyama*	Long**
Sat 28 Chelsea . . . . .	D 1-1	Forster	Yoshida**	Fonte	Alderweireld	Targett	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Tadic*	Mane 1	Pelle	W-Prowse*	McCarthy***
<b>JANUARY</b>														
Thurs 1 Arsenal . . . . .	W 2-0	Forster	Alderweireld	Fonte	Gardos**	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis	W-Prowse	Tadic*** 1	Mane* 1	Pelle	Reed*	Yoshida**
Sun 4 Ipswich (FAC 3) . . . . .	D 1-1	Forster	W-Prowse	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin 1	Long	Tadic*	Tadic*	Pelle	Isgrove*	Long***
Sun 11 Man United . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld*	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	S Davis***	Elia**	Pelle	Gardos*	Tadic** 1
Weds 14 Ipswich (FAC 3) . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Targett	Wanyama*	Reed	W-Prowse*	Tadic**	Long 1	S Davis*	Pelle**
Sat 17 Newcastle . . . . .	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Bertrand	Reed	S Davis	Tadic**	W-Prowse*	Elia*** 2	Pelle	Cork*	Targett***
Sat 24 Crystal Palace (FAC 4) . . . . .	L 2-3	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos*	Bertrand	Cork**	S Davis	Tadic	W-Prowse	Elia	Pelle 1	Targett*	Seager***
<b>FEBRUARY</b>														
Sun 1 Swansea . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Reed*	S Davis	Tadic	W-Prowse	Elia**	Pelle	Mane*	Seager**
Sat 7 QPR . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida*	Targett	Wanyama**	S Davis	Mane 1	W-Prowse	Elia***	Pelle	Gardos*	Schneiderlin**
Weds 11 West Ham . . . . .	D 0-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Yoshida	Wanyama	Reed**	Mane***	S Davis	Elia*	Pelle	Tadic*	Tadic***
Sun 22 Liverpool . . . . .	L 0-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Targett	Wanyama	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Djuricic***	Elia	Pelle	Schneiderlin*	W-Prowse**
Sat 28 West Brom . . . . .	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Gardos*	Bertrand	Wanyama**	Schneiderlin	Tadic***	Mane	Pelle	Elia*	S Davis**
<b>MARCH</b>														
Tue 3 Crystal Palace . . . . .	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Mane 1	Djuricic***	Elia*	Pelle**	Tadic*	Long**
Sun 15 Chelsea . . . . .	D 1-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Tadic** 1	Mane	S Davis*	Long***	W-Prowse*	Djuricic**
Sat 21 Burnley . . . . .	W 2-0	Forster*	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Tadic**	Mane	Long 1	Pelle	K Davis*	Wanyama**
<b>APRIL</b>														
Sat 4 Everton . . . . .	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld***	Bertrand	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Long	W-Prowse**	Elia*	Pelle	Tadic*	Djuricic**
Sat 11 Hull . . . . .	W 1-0	K Davis	Alderweireld	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	Long***	S Davis	Mane**	Pelle 1	W-Prowse* 1	Elia***
Sat 18 Stoke . . . . .	L 1-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand**	Alderweireld	Schneiderlin 1	Tadic*	Mane	S Davis***	Pelle	W-Prowse*	Elia***
Sat 25 Tottenham . . . . .														
<b>MAY</b>														
Sat 2 Sunderland . . . . .														
Sat 9 Leicester . . . . .														
Sat 16 Aston Villa . . . . .														
Sun 24 Man City . . . . .														

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
ARTUR BORUC	0	0	0	0	50	0	NATHANIEL CLYNE	30	2	6	1	94(5)	5	SAM GALLAGHER	0	0	0	0	3(17)	2
CODY CROPPER	0	0	0	0	0	0	JACK CORK	5(7)	2	1(3)	1	128(25)	3	SHANE LONG	13(14)	3	5(2)	1	18(16)	4
KELVIN DAVIS	3(1)	0	0	0	295(2)	0	HARRISON REED	4(3)	0	1	0	6(10)	0	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(5)	0	0(1)	0	3(16)	1
FRASER FORSTER	30	0	7	0	37	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	23(2)	4	4	1	227(33)	15	GRAZIANO PELLE	32(1)	9	5(1)	4	37(2)	13
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	18(1)	0	VICTOR WANYAMA	22(6)	3	6	0	48(10)	3	JAY RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	59(17)	26
RYAN BERTRAND	29	2	4(1)	0	34(1)	2	STEVEN DAVIS	29(2)	0	5(1)	0	91(20)	6	JAKE HESKETH	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
MATT TARGETT	3(3)	0	5(1)	0	8(4)	0	LLOYD ISGROVE	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	2(4)	0	DOMINIC GAPE	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
JOSE FONTE	32	0	7	0	216(5)	13	SAM MCQUEEN	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	JASON MCCARTHY	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
FLORIN GARDOS	5(6)	0	6	0	11(6)	0	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	27(23)	8	ELJERO ELIA	8(3)	2	1	0	9(3)	2
TOBY ALDERWEIRELD	21	1	0(2)	0	21(2)	1	DUSAN TADIC	24(7)	4	5(1)	1	29(8)	5	RYAN SEAGER	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	16(3)	1	1	0	63(4)	3	SADIO MANE	19(6)	6	2	0	21(6)	6	FILIP DJURICIC	1(3)	0	0	0	1(3)	0
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	13(8)	1	5	0	48(38)	2							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



## Adam Rant

This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**

BEST SHOT: Reanne Evans in her match against Ken Doherty

## Thank Evans for snooker shake-up

IT SURELY won't be long before we see Reanne Evans on the men's snooker tour.

A canny promoter like Barry Hearn will see the value in having a female competing with the guys, and Evans has the chance to forge a path for those who follow so such things are not mere tokenism.

Evans is currently the only female player out there who can realistically compete with the men.

She was only edged out 10-8

by former champion Ken Doherty in the qualifiers for the World Championships and is without doubt a top performer.

To make the leap to the men's tour with a possible wild card is tough, but there is no other way for Evans to compete and improve where she is now.

She has already won the women's world title ten times.

Snooker is one of those sports where you want to see somebody else given a go.

It's not as if she's no good and won't hold her own, she's not just a random celebrity or model coming in to boost ratings.

It will be up to Evans to get the results to prove she deserves her place, and she might earn a tour card anyway, which would be the best way.

But sport should always be looking to broaden its appeal and its reach, and this could be a way for snooker to reach a new demographic.

## DON'T FORGET WHAT POCH DID FOR SAINTS

**IT'S taken a bit of waiting to come around, almost a year in fact, but at last the weekend so many Saints fan have waited for has arrived with the return of Mauricio Pochettino.**

It doesn't take a genius to work out what sort of reception he will receive at St Mary's after walking out on the club for Tottenham at the end of last season.

However, his success at Saints should not be forgotten.

In the same way that Alan Pardew really paved the way for Nigel Adkins to step in and take the glory by not only building that double promotion winning squad but changing the mindset and mentality of the club, so Pochettino has left a legacy for Koeman.

It's not quite comparable because of the turnover in players after he left, but that the club tasted a higher level and wanted more of it, and were prepared to set its ambitions merely beyond Premier League survival, is partly down to Pochettino.

## EXPLOSIVE

His way was a strong one, his team played some very high tempo football, and got good results.

The fact it all tailed off after an explosive start was the real pity.

Koeman has come in and taken over and pushed Saints on another step.

They look like they might make that breakthrough into Europe, and they are aiming to be a side that regularly compete in that top seven.

They might not make the monumental jump to the Champions League as it looked as if they could for some of the campaign but this has still been a remarkable season.

It is another steady improvement in a division where such things are hard to achieve.

The biggest negative about Pochettino was the manner of his departure.

The fact that the talk over his future was festering for so long did seem to unsettle the squad.

With the manager not committing, for obvious reasons now, his players started to question their places too.

When he went the floodgates were opened, and it took all Koeman's strength and experience to close them and rebuild, which he has done in quite spectacular fashion.

The way in which Pochettino left did leave a bit of bad taste but you know this is football, and these things do happen.

Pochettino clearly felt his career was better served moving from Saints to Tottenham.

Koeman and his squad this season are proving that that might not necessarily be the case.

But for the all stick Pochettino may well get, it is worth remembering some of the good times too.

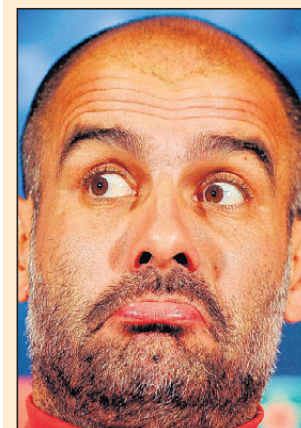
His team were great to watch and, though it

may have brief, it was an enjoyable era.

It is the case that we are into a better one now with Koeman, who is such a great manager for Saints, but the rich tapestry of footballing history is what got the club to where they are today.



**READY FOR A WARM RECEPTION:** Former Southampton boss Mauricio Pochettino will return to Saints today



PEP GUARDIOLA

## It's not life and death

Pep Guardiola has really got to love football.

After Bayern Munich progressed in the Champions League, overturning a first leg deficit to defeat Porto, he described the game as 'life and death.'

Certainly an interesting turn of phrase to use, and one that was not out of context with many of his other remarks after the game.

Everybody is of course entitled to feel whatever they like about football, sport or anything else in life.

However, Adam Rant is pretty sure that nobody would have died had Bayern actually lost that game.

Instead, what would have happened is quite a few people connected with the club would have been disappointed for a few days.

Then they would have played another game and moved on to talk about next season.

To compare football to life and death is a bit of a flimsy thing to say. Just too flippant.

It may be Guardiola's job, but he must also realise there is a big, wide world out there with all sorts of wonders and tragedies occurring.

What he was looking at was a bunch of blokes kicking a ball around a grass pitch.

Either he knew something we didn't about the match or his words perhaps could have been chosen better.

## Howe does Eddie do it?

**EDDIE Howe being named Football League manager of the decade after only six years in the job was just reward for his achievements.**

It's all too easy to forget how he guided Bournemouth to safety even with a 17 point deduction, and he is on the verge of steering them up through all three divisions over two spells with the club.

If Howe does get the Cherries to the Premier League then surely his accolades should extend beyond the confines of the Football League.

What Howe has done at that club is nothing short of remarkable.





# Saints Spotlight



## LVG: 'United could have won title'

LOUIS van Gaal thinks Manchester United may well have won the Barclays Premier League this year had it not been for their wretched start to the campaign.

Table-toppers Chelsea stretched their lead over third-placed United to 11 points last weekend with a 1-0 victory over the Red Devils at Stamford Bridge.

Van Gaal is already plotting to overthrow the champions elect next season.

He admits he may not have had to wait that long before getting his hands on the top prize, though.

Had it not been for a poor run of three wins in their opening 10 games, Van Gaal thinks it could have been United running away with the title in April, rather than Chelsea.

"Yes, we had a very bad start," the United manager told MUTV when asked if he wondered what might have been this season.

"I have already explained that



**UNITED BOSS:** Louis van Gaal

after several matches why so I don't have to repeat myself but if we had started well, we could have been the champions."

With Chelsea now two victories away from opening up an unassailable lead, Van Gaal has already admitted defeat in the title race.

His focus is now on qualifying for the Champions League.

"Of course I miss it," he said.

"I hope we shall achieve our goal for the season and play next season in the Champions League but we still have 15 points to fight for. It is not done yet."

Van Gaal still has a number of players missing for Sunday's game at Everton.

Defenders Phil Jones (ankle), Marcos Rojo (adductor) and Rafael (rib) are out and midfielder Michael Carrick (calf) is also unavailable.

Centre-back Jonny Evans returns from suspension, but there are doubts over midfield duo Daley Blind (ankle) and Adnan Januzaj (ankle).



## SAM Gallagher was the toast of St Mary's earlier this week after his superb goal saw Saints lift the Premier League under-21 cup.

The 19-year-old fired in from 20 yards to give 10-man Saints a 2-1 extra time victory over Blackburn in front of over 13,000 delighted supporters, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

The Devon-born striker has missed most of the current season through injury, after making 20 appearances - 17 of them off the bench - in his breakthrough 2013/14 campaign under Mauricio Pochettino.

He only returned to playing in February after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Gallagher put those frustrations behind him last night when he plundered his memorable winner that gave Saints their first piece of youth silverware since the 2005/06 Premier League under-19 trophy.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can really think to say," said Gallagher. "I was thinking throughout the game it would be nice to get one and to get in the way I did was quite special."



**GET IN THERE:** Sam Gallagher punches the air after putting 10-man Saints in front in extra-time.

"I've had a long injury that's put me back quite a bit this season, so it feels like it (the season) has just started, but it's coming to an end."

He added: "There's an amazing pride for the whole squad and the fans."

"You don't expect to get 12,000 for

an under-21 game, which shows how much it means to the whole club."

"It felt like a first team game out there tonight."

"The atmosphere was amazing."

Nine of Martin Hunter's under-21 side have had experience of first



**GLORY BOYS:** Goalscorers Ryan Seager, left, and Sam Gallagher.

team action.

That is something that gave the youngsters an advantage in Gallagher's eyes.

"Quite a few of our boys have had experience with the first team so that helped us in front of a big crowd," he said.

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# Saints Spotlight



## OF ST MARY'S...



**ALL SMILES:** Saints players, above and right, wait for the trophy presentation. Echo pictures by Stuart Martin.

Saints under-21 coach Martin Hunter was left "delighted" after his side lifted the silverware, despite seeing Harrison Reed sent off late on in normal time.

"I'm delighted," he said. "Some of their individual defending and the way they conducted themselves

when we went down to ten men was brilliant.

"It's absolutely vital for us, we're in the business of producing young players into the first team.

"The winning mentality is something that's sacrosanct for these young players to get into the first



team.

"We're looking for players that can play in Europe now, therefore the fence they've got to jump over gets even higher."

Hunter added: "You don't get many chances as a player to play in a final and win it. So they've done

really really well.

"But this isn't just a thing for those players, this is a thing for the club and the academy.

"All the hard work that goes on, some of these boys have been here since they were eight years of age, so that's the biggest plus."

## Mourinho dismisses the stats

Jose Mourinho's Chelsea are yet to be beaten by Arsene Wenger's Arsenal in 12 attempts, but the Blues boss dismissed the relevance of the statistic ahead of Sunday's crucial Premier League clash.

Mourinho has seven wins and five draws over Wenger's Gunners and another victory at the Emirates Stadium this week-end would mean Chelsea need just three more points to be champions.

The Portuguese, though, insisted there would be no psychological boost for his players as a result of his record against Wenger.

"They don't even know, unless they watch TV in the last couple of days or read every paper," Mourinho said. "Players don't look to these details. Matches are isolated events, no relation with the



**CHELSEA MANAGER:** Jose Mourinho

previous one or the next one.

"I don't think they care about it. What they care about is the way we work all week, the way we prepare ourselves for the game, and the confidence we have. That's what matters."

Chelsea hope Diego Costa will recover from a hamstring problem to start, with Didier Drogba the other strike option.

Drogba has a fearsome record against the Gunners with 15 goals in 15 appearances, including two while playing for Galatasaray.

"Let's see if he can do it again," Mourinho said.

"(It) doesn't count. It's an independent event. It doesn't matter what he did in the past. But if he can do it again for us, he'll do that."

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# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Fenelon returns

CHAMAL Fenelon has re-joined Sydenhams Premier outfit Horndean on loan from Staines Town of the Conference South.

Fenelon (pictured) signed for Staines on returning from the Philippines where he spent five months playing professionally for Loyola Meralco Sparks.

But the well-travelled former Millwall and Havant & Waterlooville forward has returned to familiar territory with the Deans, for whom he scored 11 goals in 40 appearances between 2011 and 2013.



### Safe pair of hands

FORMER Pace Youth goalkeeper Bradley Collins has helped put Chelsea's under-18s in a commanding position in the FA Youth Cup final.

The Southampton-born 18-year-old provided a safe pair of hands as the Blues bossed Monday's first leg 3-1 at Manchester City thanks to goals from Tammy Abraham (2) and Dominic Solanke.

### Defying the odds

INJURY-HIT Alresford Town defied the odds to round off their home campaign on a winning note.

Despite having only 12 fit players – three of them goalkeepers – the Magpies inflicted a 2-0 defeat on Lymington Town at Arlebury Park.

One goalkeeper, Danny Leeds, donned the gloves, John Howard – brother of Eastleigh's Brian – played up front and Gary Morrison was the unlucky stopper to sit on the bench.

Making light of their problems, goals by Simon Everett and Craig Bryant (pictured) sealed Alresford the Sydenhams Premier Division points.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE: For Alresford Town

# MAGPIES ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS OVER FUTURE

**ALRESFORD Town's future as a Sydenhams Wessex League club is in danger of being stubbed out.**

The Magpies – Premier Division runners-up for the last two seasons – have a serious ground-grading issue to overcome.

Their landlords, New Alresford Town Council, have effectively removed 40 seats from the balcony overlooking the pitch to accommodate a smoking area for users of the council-run bar at Arlebury Park.

It means that Alresford, Wessex members since the 2004/05, no longer comply with the Step 5 ground grading requirement of 100 covered seats.

Unless the problem is resolved in the next month, the Magpies will not only withdraw from the Wessex ranks but will pull the plug on senior football altogether.

When club chairman Trevor Ingram raised the matter at a recreation committee meeting in February, it was proposed that a 50-seater stand be erected between the dugouts and tennis courts.

With the Hampshire FA unable to fund replacement seats, the club provided the town council with

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competitive quotes for the work.

But, although time is of the essence, the Magpies have been told that no decision can be made until after the election of a new council in May – even though it's the current council that created the problem in the first place.

What really grates with Alresford is that the facilities would not be a patch on what they are today without the football club's hard work in securing funding for ground improvements. The upgrade was in part financed by a £245,934 grant from the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund, delivered by the Football Foundation, plus £40,000 from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

Yet, despite that massive input, the club say they were not even consulted about the extension to the balcony area which means they can no longer put seats in and out every season.

"The crux of the matter is that we don't have the ground grading and

that's particularly awkward for me because I help Ian Craig out on the Wessex League's ground-grading committee, so I can hardly tell other clubs to do work I'm not doing myself," said Ingram, pictured below right.

"We'll be meeting the Football Foundation in a week to ten days and a technical officer will come down and hopefully advise the council about reconfiguring the seating.

"But if it's not resolved in three or four weeks the council have got a problem because the football club will be gone and a lot of funding for the ground came via the Football Foundation.

"It's taken a lot of time and effort to get the facilities up to scratch and it's the football club that's done that, not the council."

SWL chairman Ian Hoare said Alresford would be given every chance to resolve the problem.

"The league constitution won't be formed until the AGM on June 16," he said.

"Alresford have worked really hard and it's unfortunate that something like this has come up to stop their progress.

"It's sad because Trevor and his crew have put in an enormous amount of work and none of the improvements would have happened without the football club being there.

"We're here to fully support Alresford Town."



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## JUST ONE REGRET

**STEVE Hollick's only regret about the new coaching set-up at AFC Totton is that he will no longer have Shaun Kitcher for company in the dugout.**

Kitcher proved an invaluable right-hand man to Hollick during his brief caretaker spell in charge of the Southern One South & West outfit.

But with Hollick now confirmed as first-team boss, supported by a new coaching team of Lee Burch (head coach), Dave Rowland (club coach) and Jamie Cotton (goalkeeper coach), Kitcher has gone back to the youth ranks to manage next season's under-18s.

"It's with a heavy heart that Kitch won't be with me anymore and I can't thank him enough for all his help," said Hollick.

"He's gone back to coaching the under-18s and the good thing about his time spent with the first-team is that he's really started to understand what it takes for young players to come through.

"He knows now what it takes to produce players for Southern League football."

While they may not share the same technical area again, Hollick and Kitcher plan to see plenty of each other in the months and years to come.

The whole aim of Totton's new coaching structure is for all age-groups to work together and roll as much home-grown talent off the production line as possible.

Former Hythe & Dibden boss Burch will oversee the first-team coaching set-up while Rowland, who followed him across from Clayfields, has been tasked with assisting Burch while also overseeing the under-16, under-18 and reserve teams, giving continuity



AFC TOTTON MANAGER STEVE HOLICK

throughout the club.

Cotton, who has also joined from Hythe, will succeed Hollick as goalkeeper coach.

Between them Totton's new managerial/coaching team boast an impressive list of coaching qualifications - none more so than Burch who is working towards the UEFA A Licence.

"I've known Lee since our Bashley days and he's one of the best coaches I know. I have tasked him with improving the technical syllabus throughout the club

from the firsts down to the under-16s, even stretching into the community coaching that we currently provide," Hollick explained.

"The lads have really taken to him and what he's trying to do and they're feeling buoyant for next year.

"Lee's brought Dave Rowland in to assist him and Dave will oversee the other teams as well so we have a consistency of coaching throughout the club.

"Reluctantly I've stepped aside as goalkeeper coach, which was

difficult for me, but I'm looking forward to working with Jamie who will provide specialist coaching for the keepers, allowing me to concentrate on managing the team.

"Jamie's already been working well with (keeper) Steve Mowthorpe. He's very keen and a really nice bloke to have around. His enthusiasm is infectious."

With Kitcher steering his current crop of under-16s through to under-18 level next season, Malc Callaway has succeeded him as Totton's under-16 boss.

"Kitch sourced Malc for us. He was at Queen's Keep (QK Southampton) before and he's another good youth team coach who will push good, young players through," Hollick explained.

"He knows he's got to reinvent the under-16 side every season.

"All the coaches are in place now to bring players through year after year. That's the master plan.

"We don't have oodles of cash and we're not likely to, so we need to produce our own players.

"Jake Burgess and Jake Rawkins have been with the first-team recently and Matt Brewer came and did the warm-up with us last week but he's still only 16 so we couldn't sign him.

"We'll need a few older, more experienced heads in the squad too and we've got a hard summer coming up trying to attract new players and retain those we want to keep."

Hollick's search for new players is already starting.

"I want to give our supporters a team to be proud of," he pledged.

"AFC Totton supporters deserve a team that will fight in every game and give their all for the shirt. That is what we intend to strive for."

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### Moore is best

**ISLE of Wight-born goalkeeper Stuart Moore has been named Basingstoke Town supporters' player-of-the-season.**

The 20-year-old son of ex-Brading Town boss Phil has spent the season at The Soccer AM Stadium on loan from Reading.

Moore (pictured) has been a key member of the squad, pulling off some fantastic saves to help the club qualify for the Conference South promotion play-offs, which get under way next week.

"I can't wait for the play-offs," said Moore. "It's a great opportunity for everyone. We have done really well this season and to go up would be an incredible achievement for everyone involved."

Moore, whose older brother Simon is at Cardiff City, is unlikely to return to Basingstoke next season and has his sights set on moving up the divisions.

"I have just got to go back to Reading and work hard," he said.

"If it doesn't happen for me there next season, I'd like to get some Football League experience on loan."



### Showbiz skills

**CELEBRITIES including actor Ralf Little (pictured below) and TV presenter Jeff Brazier will showcase their football skills during a charity football match at Basingstoke Town's Soccer AM Stadium tomorrow (Sunday, 3pm).**

The game will see a Basingstoke XI line up against a Soccer AM team led by presenter Max Rushden.

Proceeds from the game will be donated to Soccer AM's charity partner, Street League, a national charity that uses the power of football to tackle youth unemployment.

Town boss Jason Bristow will manage a Basingstoke XI made up of players from his time at the club, including the likes of David Pratt and Delano Sam-Yorke.

Admission is £5 for adults and £1 for under-15s.



## New coaching team a platform to build on

AFC TOTTON chairman Andy Straker believes the Stags' new management/coaching team gives the club a strong platform to build on.

While acknowledging that some supporters had wanted a "big name" to succeed Steve Riley at the Testwood helm, he believes that Steve Hollick and his new coaching set-up offer the best opportunity for progress within the club's financial confines.

"This is a real opportunity for the club to go forward," he said.

"We believe we have put in place a management team that players will want to play for.

"The team will make sure that we are fully prepared every time we go out onto a football pitch.

"I cannot wait for next season to start. These are exciting times for AFC Totton."

For former goalkeeping coach Hollick, this is his first stab at first-team management.

"Steve made it clear he wanted the job and I met with him and Lee Burch and came to an agreement that they would be manager and head coach," Straker explained.

"Steve worked really hard with the players as interim manager and, although the results weren't that great, training has been good and it's all come together.

"Some supporters will be disappointed that it's not a big name. But what is a big name? And why would they want to come to AFC Totton?

"When the fans see what we're trying to do, I think they will be excited by it.

"The sooner we've got all the managers and coaches working together and assisting each other, the sooner we'll start to move forward.

"We won't be throwing thousands of pounds around a week, we're a members' club and we could never do that. We've got to keep our expectations level but, saying that, those expectations should be higher than they have been.

"This season has not been as good as it could have been. I was hoping for so much more."

Totton responded to the new appointments by winning their first league match in 14 attempts at home

to struggling Bishop's Cleeve last Saturday.

They led 4-1 at the break and went on to win 5-2, with Craig Feeney and Nathan Hurst notching two apiece and ex-Alresford player Jack Hoey scoring his first goal for the club.

"It was our last home game of the season and the first 45 minutes was as good a half of football as I've seen from us in a long time," said Hollick.

"The pitches are a bit bobbly now, but we tried to get the ball down and play a bit and do things the right way."

It was a dismal afternoon for Bishop's Cleeve, who join fellow tail-enders Bashley in the Southern One South & West drop zone with one game to go.



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### New chairman

SYDENHAMS Premier outfit Newport IoW have voted in a new chairman at St George's Park.

Current director David Hayles will step into the role vacated by Paul Phelps in January, while Mike West and Robert Foad will remain as club directors.

"I am extremely honoured and grateful to the Supporters' Trust for voting me in and giving me this opportunity to help rebuild this great football club," Hayles told the club's official website ([www.newport-iwfc.com](http://www.newport-iwfc.com))

"I have to be honest, the situation isn't good financially, but myself, Mike and Bob, along with the excellent Supporters' Trust, have put into place an action plan which will not only help the club's survival but, hopefully, in two to three years' time we'll be in a position to compete at a higher level, which we have to aim for.

"The club is currently in a transitional stage, but we have an outstanding team of volunteers here and we couldn't do this without them.

"Our first job is to appoint a new manager within the next week or so who will help us to not only compete, but compete competitively, in next season's Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division."

In a time of change for the Islanders, current boss Steve Brougham is stepping down at the end of the campaign. His last game in charge will be the Isle of Wight Gold Cup final against Cowes Sports next Friday (May 1, 7.30pm) at East Cowes Vics' Beatrice Avenue home.

### Harry on form

FORMER Christchurch forward Harry Cornick is firing on all cylinders.

The 20-year-old loanee has netted three times in six appearances for Havant & Waterlooville to help them towards the Vanarama Conference South play-offs. Meanwhile, Cornick impressed for his parent club AFC Bournemouth on Tuesday, scoring two goals and making the other in a 3-0 win over Leyton Orient in the Final Third Development League.

# Reliable Bentley

**PAUL Masters would like nothing better than to see Warren Bentley banging in the goals again for Winchester City next season.**

But, at the same time, the Citizens boss is a realist and knows that if the right opportunity arose for his 55-goal striker to climb the pyramid, Bentley would have to seriously consider it, *writes WENDY GEE*

Masters does not envisage making too many changes to his Sydenhams Premier runners-up squad this summer irrespective of whether they remain in the Wessex ranks or get the golden ticket back into the Southern League.

But while he is confident that the bulk of his players will be staying put, Bentley's talent is such that the boss could never rule out the possibility of him furthering his career elsewhere.

"We'll have to wait and see if anyone comes in for Warren and, if they do, we'll deal with it when it happens," said Masters.

"We've had a good chat and Warren's quite mellow about it, but he does want to play higher and, if his chance comes, we can't stand in his way."

Over the last three seasons Bentley has fired in close to 150 goals for Alresford Town and Winchester, making him the hottest strike property on the Wessex circuit.

And, as much as Masters wants him to stay, he recognises that the 25-year-old strike sensation is capable of taking the next step – possibly as high as the Conference South.

"Warren's very happy here, but he's an ambitious boy and the hardest thing is that he's achieved so much over the last two years and all we can do is equal that.

"But if he does go higher, it has to be the right club," he stressed.

"When you make a move like that you've got to make sure your personal life, your work life and your football life all match and everything works for you.

"It's also important that the club you go to really want you. If they're not sure or they feel they're taking a risk on you then, in my experience, that doesn't work. Rather than go to an environment that doesn't suit you, you might be better off staying where you are as long as that club wants to move forward.

"It may be that it's best for Warren to stay at Winchester and, hopefully, we will get another year out of him."

Masters, though, has no doubt that, given the right environment, PE teacher Bentley would thrive higher up the

pyra-  
mid.

"I just think he's a goalscorer and the thing about Warren is that he does it every week," he said.

"It not like he plays well for ten games and then you don't see him for the next five. He does it consistently week in, week out.

"He'd have to go into the right team, but I'm sure Warren would fit in well because he's a confident lad who's good around people. I don't think anything would faze him. He's a nice lad, but he's got that edge to him you need."

If Bentley were to move on, Masters would be left to replace the irreplaceable.

"I don't think we could replace him one on one, but we could go a slightly different way," he said. "We've got some good attacking players at the club."

With champions Petersfield Town first in line for promotion, Winchester must wait and see if they too get the nod as runners-up.

History suggests, however, that only one will go up, so Masters is not counting his chickens.

"We're taking it that only one side goes up, that's the rules," he said.

"We're setting ourselves up to be a Wessex League club again next year and, if something else happens, we'll deal with it at the time.

"I honestly think the side we've got now is the right age to go up, but the league doesn't lie and Petersfield have been the best side this season.

"But there's a real good spirit among our lads and I don't envisage too many changes whatever league we're in. We'll bring in two or three and that will be that."

Bentley scored a last-gasp equaliser to force extra-time in Wednesday's North Hants Senior Cup final against Whitchurch United at Foxcote Park.

With the score still 1-1 after extra time, City emerged 4-2 winners on penalties thanks to Bentley, Chris Mason, Geoff Dunn and Micky Hubbard.

**TALENT:** Winchester City's Warren Bentley





# Non-league Football

## LEWIS MISSES CLUB ALREADY

**DAVE Lewis hasn't even started his year's sabbatical from football – and he's missing it already!**

The Folland Sports boss is taking his leave of the post after today's final game of the Sydenhams Premier Division season at Lymington Town.

It's been a hard slog for Lewis since he stepped up from the assistant manager's role to replace the unwell Danny Bowers in January but, in a funny sort of way, he's loved every minute of it.

"I've got a lot of affection for this club," he said.

"I could have gone two or three months ago, but how could I walk out on the players?"

"Danny left through illness and I couldn't just leave things. I had to see out my commitment."

At the turn of the year Follands were still in with a shout of the title, but Bowers leaving, coupled with uncertainty about the future of the social club on the Kings Avenue site, has seen them fade to ninth.

But with promising youngsters coming through and a favourable geographical location for attracting new players, Lewis reckons that whoever succeeds him will have a good job on their hands.

"Geographically the club is a really attractive proposition," he said.

"Players from the Portsmouth area will travel this far over but not any further, then we've got Southampton area players to call on plus those from places like Bishop's Waltham.

"If you compare us to a club like Brockenhurst, we are blessed in that respect.

"Pat McManus does a really good job at Brock, but because of where they are geographically it can make it difficult to attract players.

"We don't have that problem here, we tend to get players and keep them and, although there's uncertainty about the social club, the football club itself is stable.

"We've got a committee who don't put you under any pressure but they're always there to help you if you need it."

With that glowing reference, it seems somewhat surprising that Lewis, a self-confessed "football machine", is giving up the job.

But he explained: "I'm stepping out of it for a while because I've got a young family.

"It's the first time in my life that I won't be involved in football – and I'm missing it already!"

"If I was tired or I'd just had enough of football, I wouldn't miss



it, but I'm taking a break to be with my family."

If Lewis thought his last home game in charge was going to be a pedestrian, end-of-season affair, he thought wrong.

With his beloved Planemakers 1-0 up against Fawley AFC through Richard Gregory, they were dramatically reduced to nine men early in the second half when Ashley Jarvis and Jake Long saw red within a matter of seconds of each other.

But as an amazing half of football unfolded, home goalkeeper Jarid Hixon saved a penalty before 17-year-old midfielder Matt Casey forced a mistake at the other end to make it 2-0.

Aaron Lucas pulled one back for Fawley but, incredibly, it was the

undermanned Planemakers who claimed the points.

Discussing the double sending-off, Lewis said they were both acts of retaliation.

"It happened so far off the ball that you couldn't blame the referee for not seeing it, but there were four players involved and only our two have been sent off," he said.

"And while retaliation is not ideal and the red cards we're getting are an issue, I would always urge the players to stand up for themselves – and each other. What are they meant to do, just roll over?"

"Our lads played well from start to finish, not just with the ball but without it. Even when we were down to nine men for 35-40 minutes we worked our socks off. I was really proud of the players."



DESTINED FOR BIG THINGS? Jamie Barron in action for Folland Sports.

## Tipped for the top

FOLLAND Sports skipper Jamie Barron is being tipped by his manager to follow former teammate Rory Williams into the higher leagues.

Dave Lewis, out-going boss of the Planemakers, says that whoever lands Barron's signature during the summer will be a lucky club indeed.

It's been a difficult few months for Follands but, through good times and bad, midfielder Barron has maintained the very highest standards.

"Jamie Barron has flourished. He oozes class and is on a completely different level," said Lewis.

"Whoever signs him is going to get a very good player."

Lewis was making similar noises a couple of years back when Williams was the stand-out performer of the Follands team.

The winger/full-back is now an integral part of Alex Pike's Gosport Borough squad who have finished just shy of the Vanarama Conference South play-offs.

"I said with Rory that it's only when you work with him that you realise how good he is and it's the same with Jamie," said Lewis.

"Rory's talent exploded for Gosport in the Southern Premier Division and he's now playing in a very good Conference South side.

"To take three leagues in your stride like that is a big achievement and I believe Jamie can do the same.

"It would take him time to acclimatise and get used to the training at that level but, for me, he's a Conference South player now and I can't believe no one has come in for him.

"We played Basingstoke Town three years ago and he scored the winner against them in the Hampshire Senior Cup – and he's a better player now than he was then.

"Jamie's only about 24 or 25 and his best years are still ahead of him."

Lewis, meanwhile, has high hopes for some of the new kids on the Follands block.

Matt Casey – younger brother of AFC Portchester's former AFC Totton and Winchester City goalkeeper Ross – was one of three teens to shine in last Saturday's 2-1 win over Fawley AFC.

The Planemakers played much of the second half with nine men after Ashley Jarvis and Jake Long had been sent off, but their hard-working blend of youth and experience carried them through.

"The pleasing thing for me was seeing two players at different ends of the age spectrum play so well," said Lewis.

"At 17, Matt Casey is an outstanding prospect and he pressed them into an error for the second goal.

"Then we had 37-year-old Iain Calder in defence. It placed extra demands on him going down to three at the back with nine men, but he was a rock for us. I got an awful lot of pleasure watching him play.

"Young Matt plays with so much maturity and if he keeps his foot on the pedal he's going to have such a bright future. He's got ability and he's brave.

"Sometimes you might drop points (having young, inexperienced players in the side), but it's very rewarding bringing players like Matt through.

"We also had Matt Hubbard, a young left-back, playing last week and Jack Burrows, who is also 17, and they all put in faultless displays.

"All three of them come from Glyn Cherrett's reserves and they've spent two years now in men's football from the age of 16."

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## Non-league News

### 'Stoke unveil new U21 elite plans

BASINGSTOKE Town have unveiled plans for a brand new under-21 elite development squad.

It is designed to bridge the gap between academy and first-team football.

"As the club's full-time academy progresses, we recognise the need to help keep our younger players here for longer, developing them for senior football," explained Jason Bristow (right), who manages Stoke's academy as well as the senior team in the Vanarama Conference South.

"We feel the need is there for our players to gain valuable experience, playing against senior opposition and more experienced players from League football.

"Having this set-up in place will also give first-team players the chance to gain match time as they recover from injury."

The new programme will take shape during the summer with the first games planned for September.

It includes an option for players to combine full-time training with a sports course.

Those with daytime commitments can train during the evening.

"This kind of structure means we feel we can accommodate the area's best young players," said Bristow. "I'm delighted we're able to launch at such an exciting time for the club."

The squad will play development sides from the Vanarama Conference, Vanarama Conference South and the Football League.

Players interested in a trial should email [adam.clark@basingstoke-town.net](mailto:adam.clark@basingstoke-town.net) with a covering letter and football CV. Trial dates will be announced at the end of April (see [www.basingstoketown.net](http://www.basingstoketown.net)).



# Brock rule out any chance of reserves

**BROCKENHURST boss Pat McManus has ruled out any possibility of reintroducing reserve team football at Grigg Lane next season.**

With player unavailability playing havoc with his Sydenhams Premier squad this season, the Badgers were unable to build on a strong start to 2014/15 which, at one stage, saw them top the table.

But while McManus acknowledges that reserve team back-up would have eased the situation, he says it is not financially viable for the New Forest club, who are destined to finish mid-table.

The cheaper option would be sorting out a basic budget that might stop players drifting off to do other things.

"We made a good start to the season and it's been undone for various reasons," said the boss.

"The squad has been so ravaged that it has reflected in results and I've felt sorry for the lads who have been the core of the side all season.

"On numerous occasions my 16-strong squad has turned into 12 and there are a number of factors we'll be looking at to remedy this, but that won't include having a reserve team," he stressed.

"The costs of reserve team football outweigh introducing a budget to sustain a 16-man squad.

"We're looking at an injection of funds from sponsorship to keep a sustainable squad for the whole season."

Gaps in the fixture list – exacerbated when a tractor damaged goal posts at one end of Grigg Lane – have not helped matters.

"There's been a lot going on behind the scenes and having two weeks with no fixtures didn't help," McManus confessed. "The whole thing's been a bit disjointed and one or two players have just drifted off."

One big plus point for Brockenhurst has been the recent arrival of Kappa Jack (above) from New Milton Town.

The diminutive striker – described as "a pest" by McManus – has given a much-needed boost to his threadbare squad.

"Kappa's only a small lad, but he's got great pace and he holds the ball up well. His workrate's phenomenal," said the boss.

"With his low centre of gravity, he's a handful for big defenders to mark.

"I put in an approach for Kappa last season, but he wanted to stay at New Milton where he averaged a goal a game over two seasons. His scoring record really stands up to scrutiny.

"This time it was him who approached us. It became evident New Milton wouldn't get promoted (from Wessex One) and he felt the timing was right for him.

"When we had a break in fixtures we played a friendly against New Milton and he played for us against them."

With Sam Cousins injured, Nathan Goodger working and dual-signed Poole Town man Vinicius Marques de Salve back in his native Brazil, Brock got special dispensation from the league to sign Infinity's Lee Knowlton to help them through a goalkeeping crisis.

Brock lost 2-0 at Andover Town on Tuesday.



## Parting of the ways...

GOSPORT Borough wideman Adam Wilde is crossing the sporting divide from football to cricket this summer.

He has agreed to sponsor Paultons Cricket Club's 2nd XI – captained by his brother Paul – through his Southampton-based barber shop, Duo.

When he is not trimming hair at his East Street business, Wilde is part of the Gosport squad who have finished just outside the play-offs in the Vanarama Conference South.

Now he is hoping that Paultons 2nd XI can be a cut above the rest in the Hampshire Cricket League County Division 3 South.

"Paul approached me to sponsor the team and I was delighted to get involved," said the former Cambridge United and Cambridge City midfielder.

"Being involved in sport for over 20 years, I know how difficult clubs find it to get financial support.

"I've grown up at the cricket club, so giving something

back is a real pleasure."

Paul added: "I was delighted to secure the sponsorship for the team as well as generating some awareness for my brother's business.

"It's been a real boost for us and we look forward to a successful partnership with the boys looking sharp on and off the field."

Paultons 2nd XI – based in Ower on the outskirts of the New Forest – begin their 2015 campaign away to Southampton Community in early May.



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# Non-league Football



## Football is back at the Ray Mac

FOOTBALL is finally returning to Salisbury's Raymond McEnhill Stadium next week.

Salisbury FC, risen from the ashes of the old Salisbury City, have assembled a squad of trialists for two friendly matches at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

The first is next Tuesday (April 28, 7.30pm) against Southern League opposition yet to be confirmed and on Friday (May 1, 7.30pm) they will host Cardiff City under-21s.

Manager Steve Claridge (pictured) said: "The squad will consist of players I know, players who have contacted me and players I want to look at for next season."

"Not one has asked for a penny in expenses which shows

a good attitude and that people want to play for this club."

Admission will be pay what you want and it is hoped supporters will turn out in numbers and give generously towards running costs during summer and pre-season.

But, just as importantly, Salisbury are arranging the games as a big thank you to the fans for helping to get the club back to the Ray Mac and to compensate them for missing out on their football fix since City's demise.

A Salisbury FC statement



added: "We hope for big attendances for the games, especially on Tuesday as it will show the FA what we can achieve ahead of meeting with them on Wednesday morning (April 29) when we will present our case for a return to the National League System for the 2015/16 season."

"It's been a busy few weeks for club officials after being granted with the lease of the Ray Mac, trying to get the pitch into shape and organising safety certificates as well as a bar licence."

If Salisbury do get the green

light from the FA to return to competitive football next term, the Sydenhams Wessex League would be keen to house them – plus Bashley who have finished bottom of the Southern One South & West.

"Hopefully they will be ours because they're both in our area, but we won't get a decision until the third week in May," said SWL chairman Ian Hoare.

Hoare, meanwhile, has confirmed that both AFC Stoneham of the Hampshire Premier League and Portland United of the Dorset Premier League have applied to join the Sydenhams ranks next season. Baffins Milton Rovers have not passed the ground grading, however, while Shrewton have withdrawn their interest.

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### Stop-start season

CHARLIE Pierson admits it's been a "frustrating" first full season as player-manager of Ringwood Town.

Pierson's men have finished 11th in Sydenhams One after a stop-start campaign, leaving the boss to target greater consistency for 2015/16.

Admitting he had expected more this term, Pierson (right) said: "We

knocked out holders of cups and teams from the Southern League without performing or putting in the same effort against the teams around us."

"It has been a very frustrating season and commitment from players has been a big issue."

"People have had to work or take holidays that fit round their day jobs."

"It is hard to keep lads playing all the time without a budget. Only three players that started the season are still here and it is difficult to build."

"Looking forward, we definitely want to improve."

"We didn't aim to finish in the bottom half, but a bad run in the middle of the season left us with a lot to do."

"It has been quite disappointing if I am honest, but we have shown we can compete against the big teams."

Pierson added: "We will have to see how pre-season goes. The club has some very good youngsters so we have to try and hold on to as many as we can."

Ringwood finished their league campaign on a losing note, crashing 4-1 away to promotion-chasing Cowes Sports.

Joe Adams (2), Alek Przespolewski and an own goal sent the Yachtsmen sailing into second place with Peter Richmond-Cole bagging Town's reply.

### Life after Burch

HYTHE & Dibden began life after departed manager Lee Burch by putting a spoke in Tadley Calleva's promotion hopes.

With Burch joining AFC Totton as head coach and his assistant/club secretary Scott Johnston kept away by family commitments, Hythe turned to reserve team boss Aaron Fry to take the team.

The Watersiders responded with a 2-0 victory over Tadley, courtesy of strikes by Terry Cox and Tom Switzer.



## ROMSEY LOOK TO FUTURE

### ROMSEY Town fell to a narrow 3-2 defeat at Downton in their penultimate game of the season.

Town travelled to Wiltshire knowing they couldn't improve on second-to-bottom of Sydenhams One.

But boss Andy Samuels was keen to maintain the improvements made since he took over the manager's reins in February.

Samuels was by no means complacent going into the game, saying: "I'm looking for us to continue the way we've been playing of late. I want to ensure we end the season well, playing the high quality of football we have come to expect so we can begin our preparation for next season's campaign on a high."

"We have made it clear to the lads

that we have already started the process of planning for next season."

It looked like those words had an effect on the Romsey players as they dominated the opening 20 minutes at Wick Lane.

Their pressure paid off when a quick corner taken by Oli Bailey found Indrit Elezi whose cross was only half cleared to the edge of the area, inviting captain Josh Harvey to drill home.

Two quick Downton replies burst their bubble shortly before half-time but Town came again with Jordan Prince volleying home an equaliser.

It stayed that way until the closing minutes when stand-in keeper Jamie Wiseman pulled off a great

save from a free-kick, but the Robins scrambled home the loose ball.

"Obviously I'm very disappointed to lose, especially given that, once again, we earned the right to go a goal up. Frustratingly, we seem to make it difficult for ourselves and allow teams back into matches by not defending properly caused by lapses in concentration," said Samuels.

"That said, I can't fault the character of the lads as we bounced again to draw level, but unfortunately on this occasion we couldn't go on and find the winner."

"Dave (Hazelgrove, assistant manager) and I are taking note of the areas we need to work on over the summer period ready for the

start of what we expect to be a great season."

Club chairman Ken Jacobs remains enthusiastic about the changes that have been taking place within the club this season, saying that the standard of football from such a young squad has been phenomenal.

"The local support we've had has also been hugely encouraging," added Jacobs.

"More families are now coming back to the Bypass Ground on match days and crowd numbers at our home games have soared in comparison with recent years."

"We are also seeing increasing numbers of supporters travelling to away games, which for me indicates a very positive and bright future."

**MORE NON-LEAGUE COVERAGE IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO**



## CHERRIES 2014/15

### AUGUST

9: Huddersfield Town (A)	.....W 4-0
Pugh, Wilson 2, Kermogant	
12: Exeter (A) League Cup	.....W 2-0
OG, Gosling	
16: Brentford (H)	.....W 1-0
Stanislas	
19: Nottm Forest (H)	.....L 1-2
Wilson	
23: Blackburn Rovers (A)	.....L 2-3
Pitman, Cook	
26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup	.....W 3-0
Gosling, Pitman, Wilson	
30: Norwich City (A)	.....D 1-1
Wilson	

### SEPTEMBER

13: Rotherham (H)	.....D 1-1
Cook	
16: Leeds Utd (H)	.....L 1-3
Surman	
20: Watford (A)	.....D 1-1
Arter	
27: Wigan Athletic (H)	.....W 2-0
Kermogant, Francis	
30: Derby County (A)	.....L 0-2

### OCTOBER

4: Bolton Wanderers (A)	.....W 2-1
Wilson (2)	
18: Charlton Athletic H	.....W 1-0
Wilson	
21: Reading H	.....W 3-0
Wilson, Pitman 2	
25: Birmingham City A	.....8-0
Pitman, Wilson, Ritchie, Pugh 3, Rantie 2	
28: West Brom (H) League Cup	.....W 2-1
O'Kane, Wilson	

### NOVEMBER

1: Brighton	.....W 3-2
Greer og, Pugh, Kermogant,	
4: Sheffield Wed	.....W 2-0
Surman, Fraser	
8: Middlesbrough A	.....D 0-0
22: Ipswich Town	.....D 2-2
Kermogant, Ritchie	
29: Millwall	.....D 2-2
Cook, Pitman	

### DECEMBER

6: Wolves (A)	.....W 2-1
Arter, Ritchie	
13: Cardiff City (H)	.....W 5-3
Ritchie, Arter, Pugh, Kermogant, Wilson	
17: Liverpool (A) Lge Cup	.....L 1-3
Gosling	
20: Blackpool (A)	.....W 6-1
Ritchie (2), Wilson, Pitman, Pugh, Arter	
26: Fulham (H)	.....W 2-0
Pitman, Arter	
28: Millwall (A)	.....W 2-0
Kermogant, Arter	

### JANUARY

3: Rotherham (A) FA Cup	.....W 5-1
MacDonald, Stanislas, Fraser, Kermogant (2)	
10: Norwich City (H)	.....L 1-2
Ritchie	
17: Rotherham United (A)	.....W 2-0
Elphick, Wilson	
24: Leeds United (A)	.....L 0-1
31: Watford (H)	.....W 2-0
Kermogant (pen), Ritchie	

### FEBRUARY

7: Wigan Athletic (A)	.....W 3-1
Wilson 2, Kermogant	
10: Derby County (H)	.....D 2-2
Ritchie, Wilson	
14: Huddersfield (H)	.....D 1-1
Kermogant	
21: Brentford (A)	.....L 1-3
Pugh	
25: Nottingham Forest (A)	.....L 2-1
Surman	
28: Blackburn Rovers (H)	.....D 0-0

### MARCH

3: Wolves (H)	.....W 2-1
Kermogant (2)	
7: Fulham (A)	.....W 5-1
Pitman (2), Ritchie (2), Cook	
14: Blackpool (H)	.....W 4-0
Pitman (3), Wilson	
17: Cardiff City (7.45pm) A	.....D 1-1
Arter	
21: Middlesbrough (H)	.....W 3-0
Kermogant (pen), Arter, Pitman (pen)	

### APRIL

3: Ipswich Town (A)	.....D 1-1
Jones	
6: Birmingham City (H)	.....W 4-2
Cook, Wilson, Kermogant (pen), Daniels	
10: Brighton (A)	.....W 2-0
Kermogant, Wilson	
14: Reading (A)	.....W 1-0
Wilson	
18: Sheff Wed (H)	.....D 2-2
Kermogant, Ritchie	
27: Bolton	.....H

### MAY

2: Charlton	.....A
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# Championship promotion race: Can Bournemouth

# CHERRIES ONLY GOING

## HEADING UP WITHOUT DROPPING DOWN

**AFC BOURNEMOUTH** are aiming to add their name to the list of clubs that have gone from the fourth tier of English football to the top one without any relegations in between.

Eddie Howe is on the brink of landing his third promotion as Cherries boss in the last six seasons.

Almost relegated to the Conference Premier as recently as 2009, the Dorset club have a truly sensational promotion to the cash-rich Premier League in their sights.

If Cherries did go up this season, only a handful of clubs in English football would ever have made the journey from the old Division 4 to the old Division in quicker time.

The list is headed by Swansea City and Wimbledon, who both achieved the feat inside four seasons in the late 1970s and 1980s.

The only clubs included in this list are ones that have won three promotions in a row – ie, with no relegations in between – taking them from the fourth tier of English football to the very first one.

### NORTHAMPTON TOWN (1961-1965)

The Cobblers were the first club to go from the newly created Division 4 right through to Division 1.

It took them only five seasons to do it, too – winning promotion in 1961, 1963 and 1965.

While that was a rapid rise, their descent back to where they had come from was even quicker.

The club lasted just one season in the top flight, and within four years were mid-table in the fourth tier.

Northampton's maiden season rubbing shoulders with the elite in 1965/66 saw them finish second bottom – 21st – at a time when only the bottom two went down.

They finished 13 points clear of rock bottom Blackburn, and only three behind 16th placed Aston Villa.

Twelve months later the Cobblers were demoted from the second division and, after a 17th placed finish in the third tier in 1967/68, they were 21st again the following season.

Back in the basement season in 1969/70, Northampton could only manage a 14th place finish.

They have never even been back in the second tier since those heady mid-1960s moments.

### LUTON TOWN (1968-1974)

Three different managers won promotion with the Hatters in the club's six-year journey from fourth tier to first.

Allan Brown, Alec Stock and Harry Haslam were the three men concerned, with Luton's stay in the top flight lasting just one season in 1974/75.

### CARLISLE UNITED (1964-1974)

Promoted in both 1964 and 1965, the Cumbrians reached the promised land in 1974.

After three games of the 1974/75 season, they were top of the entire Football League with a 100 per cent record.

It didn't last, and they were relegated in bottom place the following May.

They have never looked like returning since.

### SWANSEA CITY (1978-1981)

Like Northampton, their ascent from fourth to first tier was rapid – and so was their decline.

Under ex-Liverpool star John Toshack, the Swans won promotion in 1978, 1979 and 1981 to beat Northampton's rise by one season.

Swansea's four-season odyssey from bottom to top remains the joint-quickest by any club in English football league history.

On arriving in the top flight, Swansea immediately made their mark on the opening day of the 1981-82 season when they hammered Leeds 5-1 with debutant Bob Latchford hitting a hat-trick.

Swansea enjoyed a marvellous first season dining at the top table, beating Liverpool and Manchester United at The Vetch – and Saints, too, for that matter.

In March 1982 they were top of the entire

Football League table, but eventually finished sixth – the lowest place they had been all season.

That was as good as it got, however, and the rot soon set in.

Relegated from the top flight in 1982/83, the Swans went straight through the second tier 12 months later.

After avoiding three straight relegations in 1984/85, they went down again the season after. From the fourth tier to the very top of the first one, and back again, all within seven years ... a remarkable tale still without parallel.

### WATFORD (1978-1982)

If the Swansea success story was hard to take in, then Watford's was even more amazing in some ways.

Granted, it took them one season longer – five in all – to win three promotions.



**THIRD PROMOTION:**  
For Cherries boss  
Eddie Howe

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS ROUND-UP - SEE PAGE 5**



# rise to top without suffering relegation en route?

## IN ONE DIRECTION...



**CELEBRATION:**  
Bournemouth striker  
Matt Ritchie

They went up with the Swans in both 1978 and 1979, and then finished runners-up to arch rivals Luton in the old Second Division in 1981/82.

Graham Taylor was Watford's manager for all three promotions, with pop star Elton John his chairman.

Watford confounded all their critics by amazingly finishing runners-up to Liverpool in their first top flight season, 1982/83.

Imagine Bournemouth going up this year and finishing runners-up in next season's Premier League?

That is the equivalent of what Watford achieved over 30 years ago, though obviously the footballing landscape in terms of financial resources was a lot different back then.

In Watford's second season in the old First Division, 1983/84, they reached what remains

the club's only FA Cup final, losing 2-0 to Everton.

### WIMBLEDON (1983-1986)

Dave Bassett's original Crazy Gang emulated Swansea's three promotions in four seasons in the mid-1980s.

Promoted from the fourth tier as champions in 1982/83, the Dons went up again as third tier runners-up 12 months later.

After a mid table finish in their first ever second division campaign, Bassett's men finished third in 1985/86.

And there you had it. Elevated to the Football League in 1977, within nine years Wimbledon – a club with a fanbase of only a few thousand – were a First Division club.

The fairytale, as we know, didn't end there.

In Wimbledon's first ever First Division season, 1986/87, they finished sixth.

And the following term, 1987/88, they etched their name into footballing folklore by stunning Liverpool to win the FA Cup (John Motson: "The Crazy Gang have beaten the Culture Club.")

The Dons continued to drop ice cubes down the vest of far bigger clubs for a few more years, until defeat at The Dell in the final game of 1999/2000 signalled – with the benefit of hindsight – their death knell.

A few years later, after the club's board had accepted an offer to relocate to Milton Keynes, the Dons were history.

But what a history!

### PORTSMOUTH (1980-1987)

Yes, Bournemouth's fellow south coast club Pompey are one of the few teams to have made their three-tier climb in a short space of time.

Frank Burrows guided them out of the fourth tier in 1979/80 after a two-season stay in the basement.

Bobby Campbell was in charge when Pompey's three-season tenure in the old Third Division was ended with the title in 1982/83.

And ex-Saints star Alan Ball was in the manager's seat when Pompey went up again in 1986/87.

The club's return to the top flight didn't last long, as they were relegated at the first attempt.

### SWINDON TOWN (1986-1993)

The Wiltshire club actually won three promotions in five seasons, but had to wait a little bit longer before taking their place among the elite.

After winning back to back promotions in 1985/86 (fourth division champions) and 1986/87 (third tier play-offs), the Robins defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the 1989/90 second tier play-off final at Wembley.

But they were denied their top flight place after being found guilty of making irregular payments to players – the only club in the history of the Football League to suffer such a penalty.

Under Glenn Hoddle, Swindon defeated Leicester 4-3 to win the second tier play-off final three years later.

Like Northampton and Portsmouth, Swindon's season in the sun was limited to one season.

They finished rock bottom in the second season of the Premier League in 1993/94, winning just four matches and conceding 100 goals.

### BOLTON WANDERERS (1988-1995)

The Trotters won promotion from the fourth division in 1988 and again from the third five years later.

After just two years in the second tier, they came from 0-2 down to beat Reading 4-3 in a thrilling play-off final at Wembley in May 1995.

Bolton were relegated at the first attempt in 1995/96, finishing rock bottom.

The footballing equivalent o a yo-yo, they were instantly promoted back as second tier champions ... only to suffer relegation at the first attempt again in 1998!

## POMPEY 2014/15

### AUGUST

9 Exeter City (A) .....	D 1-1
Wallace	
12 Peterborough (H) Lge Cup .....	W 1-0
Storey	
16 Cambridge United (H) .....	W 2-1
Taylor, OG	
19 Northampton Town (H) .....	W 2-0
Wallace, Westcarr	
23 Oxford United (A) .....	W 1-0
Westcarr	
27 Stoke City (A) League Cup) .....	L 0-3
30 Newport County (H) .....	L 0-1

### SEPTEMBER

6 Burton Albion (A) .....	L 0-2
13 Southend United (A) .....	L 0-2
16 Dagenham & Red (H) .....	W 3-0
Dunne, Wallace, Barcham	
20 Wycombe Wanderers (H) .....	D 1-1
Ertl	
27 Hartlepool United (A) .....	D 0-0

### OCTOBER

4 York City (A) .....	D 0-0
7 Northampton (H) .....	L 1-2
Taylor	
11 Mansfield Town (H) .....	D 1-1
Robinson	
18 Bury A .....	L 0-3
21 Stevenage H .....	W 3-2
Wallace, Storey, Devera	
25 Shrewsbury Town A .....	L 1-2
Wallace	

### NOVEMBER

1 Carlisle United (H) .....	W 3-0
Westcarr, Storey, Hollands	
8 FA Cup 1st rd: Aldershot (H) .....	D 2-2
Wallace, Hollands	
15 Plymouth Argyle A .....	L 0-3
19 FA Cup R1 replay: Aldershot A .....	L 0-1
22 Morecambe (H) .....	W 3-0
Westcarr, Wallce (2)	
29 Tranmere Rovers (A) .....	L 1-3
Wallace	

### DECEMBER

13 Accrington Stanley (H) .....	L 2-3
Bean, Westcarr	
20 Cheltenham Town (A) .....	D 1-1
Atangana	
26 AFC Wimbledon (H) .....	L 0-2
28 Luton Town (A) .....	D 1-1
Taylor	

### JANUARY

10 Newport County (A) .....	L 0-1
17 Burton Albion (H) .....	D 1-1
Wallace	
24 Southend United (H) .....	L 1-2
Webster	
31 Wycombe Wanderers (A) .....	D 0-0

### FEBRUARY

7 Hartlepool United (H) .....	W 1-0
Tubbs	
10 Dagenham & R (A) .....	D 0-0
10 Exeter City (H) .....	W 1-0
Wallace	
21 Cambridge United (A) .....	W 6-2
Wallace, Tubbs 3, Robinson, Taylor	
24 Tranmere (H) .....	W 3-2
Westcarr, Taylor (2)	
28 Oxford United (H) .....	D 0-0

### MARCH

3 Northampton (A) .....	L 1-0
7 Accrington Stanley (A) .....	D 1-1
Taylor	
14 Luton Town (H) .....	W 2-0
Tubbs, Taylor	
17 Cheltenham Town (H) .....	D 2-2
Tubbs, Taylor	
21 AFC Wimbledon (A) .....	L 1-0
28 Shrewsbury Town (H) .....	L 2-0

### APRIL

3 Carlisle United (A) .....	D 2-2
Wallace, Tubbs	
6 Plymouth Argyle (H) .....	W 2-1
Wallace, Taylor	
11 Morecambe (A) .....	L 3-1
Chaplin	
14 Stevenage (A) .....	L 1-0
18 Bury (H) .....	L 1-0
25 Mansfield Town .....	A

### MAY

2 York City .....	H
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# DIVING FORCE AIMING

**HE throws himself off cliffs around the world for a living. Every time he competes, he risks his life.**

So you'd expect Southampton's cliff diving world champion Gary Hunt to be a maverick, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

Someone who gets their buzz from hurling their body 27 metres into jungle waters, oceans and rivers around the planet can't function like the rest of us.

Surely?

You'd expect him to be like namesake James Hunt, the late Formula One world champion who was known as an enigmatic loose cannon, a free spirit.

But Hunt is a different breed.

When I sat down with him at The Quays, the hub of diving in the city and home to Southampton Diving Academy – where Hunt is a life member after spending much of his formative years there – the 30-year-old was far different from what I expected.

He was softly spoken and calm, but sure of himself.

Hunt was briefly back in his home city while the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, the competition he has now won four times, took its usual winter break.

It is a pilgrimage he makes a couple of times a year from his Paris base to see his friends and coaches at The Quays and to see his family, who live in Eastleigh, as well as sharing his experiences with youngsters.

But this year's trip marked the anniversary of a crossroads in his career.

Twelve months ago Hunt had been toppled from his pedestal as the world's best cliff diver.

Russian Artem Silchenko – Hunt's arch-rival – had finally beaten him to the title to end the Brit's three-year running streak.

Hunt returned home to take stock, speak with his ex-coaches, former team-mates – including Olympic medallist Pete Waterfield – to plot his return to the summit.

Hunt could have continued to compete within the world's top five with his current repertoire of dives for years to come, but he didn't want that.

He wanted to push the boundaries of what was thought possible.

So Hunt – who wants to be known as a diver that will never stop trying to test the limits of his sport – set about inventing a new routine that would show Silchenko who was boss.

And so he invented a dive that had never been attempted before – the front triple flip with three-and-a-half twists – was produced using inspiration from an old training video Hunt had dug out.

"I had never tried it in the diving pool, but it was coming across this old diving clip that made me think to myself 'why don't I try something like that'," Hunt said.

"That was in February, so it left me with another two or three months of training where I really focused on that dive (before the World Series restarted).

"It looks different, nobody else had tried this dive in that style.

"I really enjoy that being a part of my image as somebody that likes to try new dives."

The 2014 season started in Cuba with a third place for Hunt, with Blake Aldridge, another former Southampton Diving Academy member, taking top spot.

Despite not starting with the bang he'd hoped, the 10m synchro Commonwealth Games bronze medallist hit superb form with three straight wins in the USA, Ireland and then Norway.

After a disappointing eighth place finish in Portugal, a second place in Spain and then victory in Mexico marked his return to the pinnacle by winning his fourth World Series.

"I wouldn't have come back with so much determination if I hadn't had lost the title in 2013," he said.

"It's a great feeling that my year went very successfully.

"The problem now is about keeping that up." Silchenko doesn't take defeat lightly, and will be looking for revenge this year.



**HIGH DIVER:** Gary Hunt in action last year in Spain, above, and Norway, left.

The Brit and the Russian are the same age and their careers have been inter-twined for a long time.

"We started high diving at the same time," Hunt said.

"For about two years we knew of each other but we never met.

"I would be told about Artem and people would say 'he's a good guy, he will be somebody – he will be your rival when you grow up'.

"People were saying the same thing to him about me.

"When I introduced more difficult dives, he realised that to keep up he'd have to bring something hard as well.

"So he learnt a back arm-stand, where he enters the water without seeing where he is.

"For two years, it was very inconsistent for him. So he was third or fourth overall in the series because he really hurt himself a few times trying to learn these dives.

"In 2013 he had a very good year; he learnt

how to do that dive consistently.

"I dived well but he got more results.

"He's done the hard work on his dives now. He can safely stick with his dives and remain in the top three for a couple of years.

"I'm in the same boat, I learnt a new dive last year, and so those two dives I can get consistent on this year and just stay consistent."

Before Silchenko and Hunt's paths crossed, the former Southampton and Solent University student tried to forge a career in the more orthodox 10m pool dive.

He did well too – winning bronze at the Melbourne Commonwealth games in 2006 and also representing Britain at the European Championships in Budapest the same year.

But he steered away from the 10m because of





# FOR NEW HEIGHTS



**ON TOP OF THE WORLD:** Gary Hunt with his 2014 world cliff diving trophy



the amount of talent that stood in his way.

It was at a time when Waterfield – another of the Quays' success stories – was at the height of his powers.

On top of that, with the likes of poster boy Tom Daley coming through, Hunt – an Olympic hopeful at that time – veered into high diving and, in turn, into chucking himself off cliff edges.

He met Steve Black, the former world champion high diver, at a high diving show in Italy who saw his talent lay elsewhere from pool diving.

Four years later Hunt, an ex-Barton Pevril pupil, was jumping from 27 metres, nearly three times higher than what Waterfield and Daley dive from, and hitting the water at speeds of 60mph.

Aldridge describes each impact on the water as like a car crash, such is the force that the body takes.

"It does get easier but you still have some doubts," said Hunt.

"You know it might be painful, there's a high risk.

"Part of you tells yourself not to do it.

"You have to really push yourself to remember how

it feels to do a successful dive.

"The battle is to convince yourself to go every time.

"It's part of what makes it exciting.

"I'm kind of an adrenaline junky, but I don't take too many risks outside of my job.

"I still don't consider high diving a risk because I've been doing it for so long.

"I think I know my limits."

Hunt subdues his adrenaline fuelled working life with relaxation at his home in the French capital, where he has settled since going there for a diving show and meeting a "good group of people".

He eventually met his French girlfriend and has stayed ever since.

He is a keen pianist and also juggles in his spare-time – joking that he might join the circus once his diving career is over.

Hunt started his fledgling career in Leeds, until he was 16-years-old when he and his family relocated for the better programme and facilities in Southampton.

On the south coast he was coached by former Olympian and Team GB manager Lindsey Fraser, the

director of coaching at the club now.

Hunt would be in the twilight of his career had he stuck with pool diving, but because he's a high diver he could go on for many years to come.

"I'm in good shape at the moment," said Hunt.

"The ex-world champion (Orlando Duque), who won the World Cup this year, is ten years older than me.

"So, if all goes well, I could probably string it out another ten years, but it will get harder.

"In 10m diving, when you get to 30, it's very tough.

"It's only the best in the world, maybe five of six people, who can still dive competitively at international level after the age of 30.

"Cliff diving adds another ten years onto the life of your career.

"You've got more space in the air, the experience helps you.

"Divers only get good at high diving at the age of 24/25 because you need that experience of diving from 10m to get the confidence to go any higher."

Hunt, who specialises in twists over somersaults in his dives, is in love with his sport.

He can see no reason to retire when he's travelling all over the globe to some stunning locations.

"It's one of the best sides of the job really," he said.

"It's getting to see these locations.

"They all have good points and bad points.

"I definitely like the unique location in Mexico, where we dive into a big cenote (a natural pit, or sink-hole).

"Normally we're diving off a cliff into the sea, but here it is still water.

"When you're walking around on the ground, the platform is only five or six metres above where you're standing.

"But you're diving into a big hole, so it's only on the end of the board when you look down that you're diving down 27 metres.

"On the platform you feel kind of calm, you don't feel like you're on top of a tower in the middle of the air.

"It's a nice relaxed feeling on the platform."

But, of course, not all of the dives are as enjoyable as the Mexican stage in Yacutan, a peninsula stick out in between the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

Hunt's least favourite dive last season was the North Atlantic stop in Ireland, which saw competitors hurl themselves into freezing waters.

"Ireland is a very cold one," says Hunt.

"It's nice to have one close to home but it's often very cold, windy, and has lots of waves.

"It's almost one of the most satisfying competitions because afterwards you're really proud of yourself that you've done it.

"But it's one of the most daunting ones."

Hunt will start the defence of his world crown this weekend when the 2015 series begins in the Port of Cartagena, Colombia.

When it all begins again, Hunt will once more have in the back of his mind the risk he is willing to take for the love of diving.

"There is danger," Hunt says.

"We're all professionals but injuries do happen.

"Everyone is trying to push themselves and sometimes you push a little bit further than your limit.

"Thankfully we have all the safety we need.

"We've got the scuba divers in the water, so if someone is knocked unconscious by the water they're there.

"We haven't had any serious incidents.

"We've had people with very bad bruises, but usually they're back at the competition a few hours later."

It's not a sport that a loving mother would want to watch her dear child hurtling at almost the national speed limit into the deep blue.

"My mum used to get a little bit nervous when she came to watch me," Hunt said.

"She's used to watching it now."

With the limits of what is possible in cliff diving always being tested, Hunt's instincts tell him that his pioneering stock of dives will be able to keep him in the top runners this season as he aims for a fifth title.

"I'm not so scared of it anymore," he said about his chosen dive.

"The couple of times you do it in competitions there are always a bit more nerves going into to it.

"But now I've done a year of this dive, I'm happy with it.

"I'm thinking about doing it a little bit harder with an extra twist, but I'm not rushing into anything."



# Non-league Football



## EASTLEIGH 2014/15 LEAGUE RESULTS

### AUGUST

9 Nuneaton Town (A) . . . . .	W 3-0
14 Aldershot Town (H) . . . . .	W 1-0
16 Gateshead (H) . . . . .	D 2-2
23 Dover Athletic (A) . . . . .	L 1-2
25 Welling United (H) . . . . .	W 3-1
30 Macclesfield Town (A) . . . . .	L 0-2

### SEPTEMBER

6 Southport (H) . . . . .	W 2-1
9 Dartford (A) . . . . .	D 2-2
13 Altrincham (A) . . . . .	D 3-3
16 Forest Green Rovers (H) . . . . .	D 2-2
20 Braintree Town (H) . . . . .	W 1-0
27 Wrexham (A) . . . . .	L 0-3
30 Bristol Rovers (H) . . . . .	D 1-1

### OCTOBER

4 Barnet (A) . . . . .	L 0-1
11 FC Halifax Town (H) . . . . .	W 4-1
18 Nuneaton Town (H) . . . . .	W 2-1

### NOVEMBER

1 Chester (H) . . . . .	W 3-2
2 Forest Green Rovers (A) . . . . .	D 1-1
22 Aldershot Town (A) . . . . .	W 2-0
29 Torquay United (A) . . . . .	L 0-2

### DECEMBER

2 Dartford (H) . . . . .	W 2-0
10 Alfreton Town (A) . . . . .	L 2-3
20 AFC Telford United (A) . . . . .	W 4-3
26 Woking (H) . . . . .	D 2-2
28 Braintree Town (A) . . . . .	W 5-1

### JANUARY

1 Woking (A) . . . . .	D 1-1
4 Altrincham (H) . . . . .	L 0-2
10 Lincoln City (H) . . . . .	W 4-0
27 Grimsby Town (H) . . . . .	L 0-1

### FEBRUARY

7 AFC Telford United (H) . . . . .	D 3-3
10 Southport (A) . . . . .	W 2-1
14 Torquay United (H) . . . . .	L 1-2
21 Chester (A) . . . . .	W 1-0
28 Macclesfield Town (H) . . . . .	W 4-0

### MARCH

7 Bristol Rovers (A) . . . . .	W 2-1
10 Kidderminster (A) . . . . .	W 3-1
14 Barnet (H) . . . . .	L 1-2
17 Wrexham (H) . . . . .	D 2-2
21 Grimsby Town (A) . . . . .	L 1-2
28 Gateshead (A) . . . . .	W 3-2

### APRIL

4 Dover Athletic (H) . . . . .	L 0-1
6 Welling United (A) . . . . .	W 2-1
11 Alfreton Town (H) . . . . .	W 3-1
14 FC Halifax Town (A) . . . . .	W 2-0
18 Lincoln City (A) . . . . .	W 2-1
25 Kidderminster . . . . .	H

# SPITFIRES ON AN AMAZING VOYAGE

**IT is a truly amazing journey, in a relatively short space of time.**

This weekend Eastleigh Football Club went into their final game of the season needing just a point to guarantee themselves a Conference Premier play-off place.

In their first-ever season of rubbing shoulders with the elite of English non league football, the Spitfires took on Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday tea-time on the brink of an astonishing achievement.

If they can claim a top five finish, just 12 months after coming up as Blue Square South champions, Eastleigh would be just three games away from the Football League.

It is worth saying that again, for emphasis sake if nothing else.

Eastleigh would be just three games away from the Football League.

Three games away from two Hampshire derbies.

Not against Basingstoke, or Havant & Waterlooville, or even Aldershot.

No, they would be three games away from League 2 derbies in 2015/16 against Portsmouth.

The same Portsmouth who as recently as May 2010 were a Premier League club.

Very few clubs in non league football have been as upwardly mobile as Eastleigh since the turn of the 21st century.

As recently as the 2001/02 season, they were finishing mid-table in the Wessex League.

They were 13th that season, 33 points adrift of champions Andover (a club that no longer exists).

Eastleigh were behind the likes of Brockenhurst, Newbury, Moneyfields, Fareham, Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Thatcham Town.

They were mid-table in the ninth tier of English football, and that was only 13 years ago.

Now, if they got at least a point against Kidderminster, they will be standing four and a half hours away from the fourth tier.

It is worth a look back at how

Eastleigh got from where they were in 2001/02 to where they are now.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Andover	44	30	6	8	138	53	96
Fleet Town	44	29	9	6	107	59	95
AFC Totton	44	29	7	8	104	50	94
Gosport Borough	44	26	11	7	101	41	89
Lymington & NM	44	26	6	12	94	47	84
Brockenhurst	44	27	2	15	99	57	83
AFC Newbury	44	22	12	10	87	51	78
Wimborne Town	44	21	14	9	82	53	77
Moneyfields	44	23	7	14	98	64	76
Fareham Town	44	21	13	10	72	54	76
Bemerton	44	18	11	15	103	84	65
Thatcham Town	44	19	8	17	94	77	65
Eastleigh	44	18	9	17	91	71	63
Portland United	44	17	8	19	81	66	59
Christchurch	44	16	7	21	61	80	55



**FLASHBACK:** Eastleigh celebrate Isthmian League Premier Division promotion in 2005

## Club need a point for play-off place

Cowes Sports	44	15	9	20	66	73	54
Blackfield	44	16	5	23	82	121	53
Bournemouth	44	14	7	23	61	84	49
B A T Sports	44	13	8	23	46	67	47
Whitchurch	44	5	5	34	27	116	20
Downton	44	5	4	35	42	139	19
Hamble A S S C	44	4	4	36	33	119	16
Swanage Town	44	3	6	35	31	174	15

Paul Doswell took over at Eastleigh in the summer of 2002 and immediately transformed the club.

They romped to the Wessex League title, finishing 15 points clear of runners-up Gosport Borough.

Saints legend Matt Le Tissier turned out in a few games for the Spitfires,

persuaded by his good friend and ex-Saints colleague David Hughes who had come on board after Doswell's arrival.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh	42	32	7	3	115	32	103
Gosport Borough	42	27	7	8	94	43	88
AFC Totton	42	27	6	9	96	47	87
Wimborne Town	42	26	7	9	113	44	85
Fareham Town	42	22	10	10	78	47	76
Lymington & NM	42	22	8	12	89	56	74
Andover	42	22	7	13	95	63	73

After finishing fourth in their first season in Division One East, the club were promoted due to the formation of

the Conference South.

As a result, Eastleigh were transferred into the Premier Division of the Isthmian League.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
King's Lynn	42	28	7	7	90	35	91
Histon	42	26	10	6	96	41	88
Tonbridge Angels	42	27	7	8	82	46	88
Eastleigh	42	27	4	11	88	40	82
Folkestone Invicta	42	20	15	7	91	45	75
Salisbury City	42	21	11	10	73	45	74
Stamford	42	20	11	11	63	45	71

The club finished third in its first season in the Premier Division, qualifying for the play-offs.

A 2-0 win over Braintree Town in the semi-final meant that Eastleigh faced Leyton in the final, both games at the Silverlake Stadium.

They were promoted to the Conference South after a 2-1 victory over the East Londoners.

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# Non-league Football



## Did You Know?

NEVER mind Champions League nights or boxing super-fights – wardrobe malfunctions have had the bare-faced cheek to set the sporting agenda this week.

Be it Australian jockey Blake Shinn, Bayern Munich boss Pep Guardiola or shoeless Ronnie O'Sullivan, they have all suffered from clothing issues this week.

Here's a quick reminder of the moments these three men would much rather forget:

### BLAKE SHINN

The Australian jockey gave his rivals a bum steer when he galloped to second place in a race at Canterbury aboard a horse called Miss Royale. Shinn felt his jodhpurs slipping early in the race but kept cracking the whip to finish behind winner Defender and give the finish post camera a mighty surprise.

Perhaps equally notable was the horse the half-clad Shinn slapped back into third place as a result: it was called Modesty.

### PEP GUARDIOLA

The Bayern Munich boss could not contain his excitement as his side swept a 5-0 half-time lead over Porto in Champions League action this week. Guardiola was pictured praising his troops – who went on to claim an emphatic 6-1 victory – despite a bite-sized chunk having been torn from his suit trousers around his right thigh.

The former Barcelona superstar joked he would have to buy a new pair for the semi-finals. If it's any consolation, he can probably afford them.



### RONNIE O'SULLIVAN

Snooker star O'Sullivan risked the wrath of his game's waistcoat-clad aficionados when he played part of his World Championship first round match against qualifier Craig Steadman in his socks. O'Sullivan had turned up at the Crucible with a new pair of shoes having left his trusty old pair in a hotel room but found them so painful he soon kicked them off.

Tournament director Mike Ganley quickly came to the rescue with what O'Sullivan described as a "stinky" replacement pair before he hot-footed it into the second round.

● Of course, wardrobe malfunctions are nothing new in the world of elite sport. Here are some other notable occasions when sportsmen and women were let down by their attire:

### GILLIAN COOKE

The British bobsleigh brake-woman unwittingly earned hundreds of thousands of YouTube hits when her race suit split during the start process at a World Cup race in St Moritz. Cooke was left with just a thong to cover her modesty. She later admitted: "It has certainly raised the profile of our sport."

### US RYDER CUP TEAM

Members of the US Ryder Cup team were forced to snap up on-course clothing at Celtic Manor in 2010 after the waterproofs provided them by their official supplier proved anything but. It was hardly ideal – especially in light of the ongoing inclement weather which forced the tournament to stretch to an additional Monday.

### BILL WERBENIUK

The larger-than-life Canadian snooker player – famous for consuming copious quantities of alcohol during matches – famously split his trousers midway through a televised World Cup match in 1979, prompting his Canadian team-mate Cliff Thorburn to quip: "This was a needle match and I was hoping Bill was going to sew it up for us."



**CELEBRATION TIME:** Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell, main picture and right, after Eastleigh's Isthmian League promotion ten years ago.



**STAR NAME:** Matt Le Tissier, fifth left back row, with Eastleigh in 2002.

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**FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 26**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Arsenal v Chelsea (4pm), Everton v Man Utd (1.30pm).  
**HAMPSHIRE FA JUNIOR A CUP**  
**Final:** Hamble Roll Call Res v Village Home.  
**CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE**  
**AJ Miller Trophy Final:** AFC Bursledon v Hamble Roll Call.  
**Senior Division:** Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 v Sholing United  
**Junior Division 1:** AFC Riverside v AFC Portswood.  
**Junior Division 2:** Itchen Saints v Boyatt Wood Wanderers, Testlands v Athletico Tin Hut.  
**Junior Division 3:** Bishops v Young Boys 93/4, Test Valley Spartans v AFC Bishopstoke, Trant v AFC Velmore.  
**Junior Division 4:** AFC Southbrook v Carnival UK, King George vb Eastpoint, Otter Sunday v Durlay, Shelfside v Royale Marine.  
**Junior Division 5:** Bitterne Ducks v Sholing Monks, Dorchester Arms v Curbridge, Portside v St Minions.  
**Junior Division 6:** AFC Phoenix v Sporting Compass, Mottisfont v Hunters Inn.  
**GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE**  
**Division 1:** CJ Glass v CMS, Crofton Saints v Heathfield Royals. Green Dragon v Bridgemaey Eagles.  
**Division 2:** Queens Head United v AFC Gosport, Go Bowling v East Lodge.  
**Division 3:** Bridgemaey Colts v TML, TML v Bridgemaey Colts. AFC Alverstoke v Castle in the Air, Gosport Wanderers v Jolly Roger. Castle in the Air v Gosport Wanderers, AFC Alverstoke v Jolly Roger, Hoeford United v Fighting Cocks, AFC Seaway v Stubbington.  
**Division 4:** Foresters United v Elson Titans, Elson Titans v Foresters United, AFC Whiteley v Daedalus, Whiteley XI v Duke of Connaught.  
**Division 5:** Wispers v AFC Whiteley Res, Testcombe Town v AFC Onecom, AFC Onecom v AFC Whiteley Res, Wispers v Testcombe Town, RVT v Bromley Town, Gipsy Queen v AFC Dynamo.  
**WINCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE**  
**North Hants John Ward Cup Final:** AFC Gecko v Andover RBL.  
**Premier Division:** Halfway United v FC Central.  
**Division 1:** Winchester County v AFC Allbrook.  
**SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE**  
**U18s**  
**Division 1:** Colden Common Rangers v Winsor United Green, Eastleigh White v Bitterne.  
**Division 2:** Romsey Town Yellow v Raiders, Warsash Wasps v Hamble United Black, Wellow v Hedge End Rangers White.  
**Division 3:** Itchen Bulldogs v Romsey Town Blue.  
**U16s**  
**Division 1:** Winchester City v Romey Town Cougars, Winchester Black v AFC Totton.  
**Division 2:** Brendon Bush Hill v Hedge End Rangers White, Crofton Saints Pumas v Warsash Wasps, Hythe & Dibden Jets v Salisbury City.  
**Division 3:** Oakwood v Alesford Town, Sarisbury Sparks v Folland, Wyvern Dragons v Townhill Lingland.  
**Division 4:** Hythe & Dibden Hawks v Bitterne, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Marchwood Rangers, QK Southampton Jets v AFC Weston, Romsey Town Panthers v Botley Village, Winsor United v St Francis Rovers.  
**TYRO SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE**  
**U11s**  
**Division 1 West:** Salisbury United v Romsey Town Cougars.  
**U12s**  
**Tyro Challenge Cup Final:** Littleton Lions v Winchester Black.  
**Tommy Traynor Trophy Final:** Hedge End Rangers White v St Francis Knights.  
**U13s**  
**Division 1:** Bitterne Black v Pace Panthers.  
**Division 2:** Sportstars v Botley Village, Whiteley Wanderers v Colden Common Rangers.  
**U14s**  
**Division 3:** Baddesley Park v Hythe & Dibden Phoenix.  
**U15s**  
**Tyro Challenge Cup Final:** Compton v QK Southampton.  
**Tommy Traynor Trophy Final:** Chamberlayne Athletic v Oakwood Lions.  
**Division 1:** Winchester Black v Sportstars.

**Monday, April 27**  
**SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Championship:** Bournemouth v Bolton (7.45pm).  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HPL**  
**Senior Division:** Hamble Club v Bush Hill.  
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Yeading	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	25	11	6	74	48	86
Billerica Town	42	23	11	8	78	40	80
Eastleigh	42	22	13	7	84	49	79
Braintree Town	42	19	17	6	67	33	74
Leyton	42	21	8	13	71	57	71
Hampton & Rich	42	21	8	13	64	53	71

In their first season in the Conference South, Eastleigh finished eighth, just five points off Histon in the play-off positions.

Weymouth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	30	4	8	80	34	90
St Albans City	42	27	5	10	94	47	86
Farnborough Town	42	23	9	10	65	41	78
Lewes	42	21	10	11	78	57	73
Histon	42	21	8	13	70	56	71
Havant & W	42	21	10	11	64	48	70
Cambridge City	42	20	10	12	78	46	67
Eastleigh	42	21	3	18	65	58	66
Welling United	42	16	17	9	58	44	65
Thurrock	42	16	10	16	60	60	58

In their next season, the 2006/07 season, the club did not fare as well as the previous year, finishing in 15th.

Former Saints star Jason Dodd, who replaced Paul Doswell as manager in December 2006, stepped down as boss after the season finished and was replaced by another ex-Dell man, David Hughes.

Histon	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	30	4	8	85	44	94
Salisbury City	42	21	12	9	65	37	75
Braintree Town	42	21	11	10	51	38	74
Havant & W	42	20	13	9	75	46	73
Bishop's Stortford	42	21	10	11	72	61	73
Newport County	42	21	7	14	83	57	70
Eastbourne Borough	42	18	15	9	58	42	69
Welling United	42	21	6	15	65	51	69
Lewes	42	15	17	10	67	52	62
Fisher	42	15	11	16	77	77	56
Farnborough	42	19	8	15	59	52	55
Bognor Regis	42	13	13	16	56	62	52
Cambridge City	42	15	7	20	44	52	52
Sutton United	42	14	9	19	58	63	51
Eastleigh	42	11	15	16	48	53	48
Yeading	42	12	9	21	56	78	45
Dorchester Town	42	11	12	19	49	77	45
Thurrock	42	11	11	20	58	79	44
Basingstoke Town	42	9	16	17	46	58	43
Hayes	42	11	10	21	47	73	4
Weston SM	42	8	11	23	49	77	35
Bedford Town	42	8	7	27	43	82	31

The 2007/08 season brought with it another play-off push for Eastleigh, one which they narrowly missed out on finishing just two points shy of Braintree Town on 67 points.

During the course of the season Ian Baird arrived as the club's new boss from Hampshire rivals Havant & Waterlooville.

Lewes	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	27	8	7	81	39	89
Eastbourne B	42	23	11	8	83	38	80
Hampton & Rich	42	21	14	7	87	49	77
Fisher	42	22	5	15	65	61	71
Braintree	42	19	12	11	52	42	69
Eastleigh	42	19	10	13	76	62	67
Havant & W	42	19	10	13	59	53	67

The 2008/09 season saw Eastleigh meet a newly promoted AFC Wimbledon side who went straight up to the Conference as champions that season.

As for Eastleigh, they earned a place in the play-offs for the first time, finishing third.

But after a 4-2 win away to Hayes & Yeading in the first leg of the semi-final – they had led 4-0 at one stage – they were beaten comfortably in the return fixture 4-0.

A F C Wimbledon	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	26	10	6	86	36	88
Hampton & Rich	42	25	10	7	74	37	85

# AMAZING RISE

**CHAMPIONS:** Eastleigh celebrate their 2013/14 Conference South title win.

Eastleigh	42	25	8	9	69	49	83
Hayes & Yeading	42	24	9	9	74	43	81
Chelmsford City	42	23	8	11	72	52	77
Welling United	42	21	8	13	57	46	71
Maidenhead United	42	21	11	12	61	44	68
Havant & W	42	19	14	9	65	44	71
Braintree Town	42	18	17	7	56	41	71
Staines Town	42	18	13	11	59	40	67
Welling United	42	18	9	15	66	51	63
Thurrock	42	16	13	13	66	60	61
Eastleigh	42	17	9	16	71	66	60
Bromley	42	15	10	17	68	64	55
Welling United	42	24	8	10	81	47	75
Dover Athletic	42	22	8	12	80	51	74
Eastleigh	42	22	6	14	74	53	72
Havant & W	42	16	10	16	56	51	58
Woking	42	26	10	6	89	40	88
Dartford	42	24	9	9	79	47	81
Sutton United	42	20	14	8	68	53	74
Basingstoke Town	42	20	11	11	65	50	71
Chelmsford City	42	18	13	11	67	44	67
Dover Athletic	42	17	15	10	62	49	66

Woking	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	30	7	5	92	41	97
Dartford	42	26	10	6	89	40	88
Welling United	42	24	9	9	79	47	81
Sutton United	42	20	14	8	68	53	74
Basingstoke Town	42	20	11	11	65	50	71
Chelmsford City	42	18	13	11	67	44	67
Dover Athletic	42	17	15	10	62	49	66

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## FOR THE SPITFIRES



# EASTLEIGH F.C.



Boreham Wood	42	17	10	15	66	58	61
Tonbridge Angels	42	15	12	15	70	67	57
Salisbury City	42	15	12	15	55	54	57
Dorchester Town	42	16	8	18	58	65	56
Eastleigh	42	15	9	18	57	63	54
Weston super Mare	42	14	9	19	58	71	51

Early in 2012/13, and after three successive defeats, the club parted company with manager Ian Baird and announced Richard Hill as his successor the next day.

In his first season as manager of the club Hill to The Spitfire's to 4th and into the play-offs.

After losing the first leg of the play-off semi-final 3-1 to Dover Athletic they managed to take the tie to penalties with a 2-0 home win in the second leg, however Dover were the victors.

P W D L F A Pts

Welling United	42	26	8	8	90	44	86
Salisbury City	42	25	8	9	80	47	82
Dover Athletic	42	22	10	10	69	44	76
Eastleigh	42	22	6	14	79	61	72
Chelmsford City	42	22	6	14	70	56	72
Sutton United	42	20	10	12	66	49	70

In Hill's first full season in charge he took them up to the Conference National as champions for the first time in the club's history. They finished top of the table on 86 points sealing the title with a 2-1 home win over Basingstoke Town.

Eastleigh	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	42	26	8	8	71	40	86
Sutton United	42	23	12	7	77	39	81
Bromley	42	25	5	12	82	50	80
Ebbsfleet	42	21	11	10	67	40	74
Dover	42	20	9	13	63	38	69

Havant & W	42	19	12	11	57	43	69
Bath City	42	18	12	12	64	52	66

Last weekend's 2-1 success at Lincoln City was, remarkably, Eastleigh's ninth away win in their last 11 Conference matches.

Lincoln were a Football League club as recently as 2011.

Eastleigh have also recently won at Bristol Rovers and Kidderminster, two more ex-Football League clubs.

The Spitfires have also triumphed at FC Halifax and Chester, two clubs formed out of the ashes of former Football League clubs that had gone out of business.

These are indeed very heady days for a club who as recently as last season were only averaging crowds around the 600 mark.



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**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Team Solent, Winchester City v Bemerton HH.

**Tuesday, April 28**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**

Hull v Liverpool  
**SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Championship: Rotherham v Reading.  
League 1: Colchester v Swindon.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Premier Division play-off semi-finals: 2nd v 5th, 3rd v 4th (TBC, 7.45pm)  
Division One South & West semi-finals: 2nd v 5th, 3rd v 4th  
**RUSSELL COTES CUP FINAL**  
Blackfield & Langley v Hordean (at Gang Warily, 7.45pm).

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
Division One West: Verwood v Hythe & Diden.  
**GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE**  
Fareham town Supporters Cup Final: Daedalus v AFC Onecon.

**Wednesday, April 29**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**

Leicester v Chelsea.  
**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
Premier: Play-off semi-final, first leg (TBC, 7.45pm).  
South: Play-off semi-final, first leg: 5th v 2nd, 4th v 3rd (7.45pm).  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Premier Division play-off semi-finals: 2nd v 5th, 3rd v 4th (TBC).  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Brockenhurst v Lymington Town.

**SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FINAL**  
Hamble Club v Team Solent (at St Mary's Stadium, 7.30pm).  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
Division One East: Newport IoW v US Portsmouth.  
**DREW SMITH GROUP SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE**  
Premier: Soton University v Comrades (GP).  
Junior 1: Burridge AFC Res v East Boldre (Burr).  
Junior 3: Inmar v Shamblehurst (GP).  
**GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE**  
War Memorial Cup Final: CMS v Crofton Saints.

**Thursday, April 30**  
**BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Division 1: Southampton U21 v Chelsea U21 (7pm).

**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
Premier play-off semi-final, first leg (TBC, 7.45pm).  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Moneyfields.  
**GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE**  
Division 3: Bridgemary Colts v Stubbington, Hoeford United v Castle in the Air.  
Division 4: Daedalus v Elson Titans.

**Friday, May 1**  
**ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP FINAL**  
Newport IoW v Cowes Sports at East Cowes Vics FC, 7.30pm)  
**SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP FINAL**  
Amesbury Town v Pewsey Vale.

**Saturday, May 2**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Aston Villa v Everton, Leicester v Newcastle (12.45pm), Liverpool v QPR, Man Utd v West Brom (5.30pm), Sunderland v SAINTS, Swansea v Stoke, West Ham v Burnley.  
**SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
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Barclays U18 Premier League  
Group Three: Arsenal U18 v SAINTS U18 (3pm).

**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
South: Play-off semi-final, second leg: 2nd v 5th, 3rd v 4th (3pm).  
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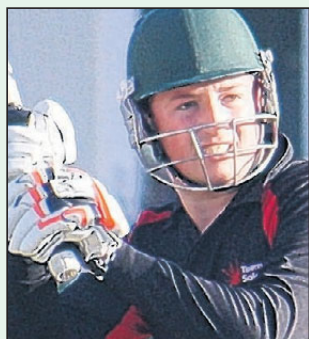


**CHAMPIONS:** Eastleigh owner Stewart Donald with skipper Glenn Southam after Eastleigh's Conference South title win last year.

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## CRICKET



### Walters leads by example

SKIPPER Rob Walters, above (picture by Roy Honeybone), hit an undefeated century to sweep Southampton Solent to a five-wicket win over Exeter and give their British Universities Championship prospects a perfect lift off.

Walters led from the front, scoring 109 not out as Solent chased down Exeter's 260-7 to win with three overs to spare, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

Somerset prospect Tom Abell (90) and former Winchester College all-rounder Oli Mills (55) shared a 136-run second-wicket partnership before perishing.

Solent's prospects of overhauling the Exeter total dipped at 108-4, but Will Steward, with a lively 58, and Walters took full advantage of the batting power-play and eased the Southampton students into the box seat.

South Wilts' spinner Jake Foley (37 not out) also played his part, providing timely support for opener Walters, who carried his bat for a match winning 109 not out.

It was Exeter's third successive BUCS defeat.

Solent's next Championship match is away to Loughborough MCCU next Friday.

### Dibden takes up T&E reins

ONE-TIME Hampshire off-spinner Richard Dibden has assumed the Totton & Eling captaincy for a third time and leads the Eels in Sunday's ECB Royal London national club championship first round tie against Potterne at Southern Gardens, 1pm.

He leads a much changed side against a go-ahead West of England Premier League outfit, with the winners visiting South Wilts in round two.

Totton & Eling: Dibden, Arnold, Perussi, Perrin, Mellett, J Metcalfe, Blakey, Beresford, Beresford-Power, Darney, Jenkin.

Relegated last season, Fawley have opener Tom Gates at the helm for the first round tie with Lymington at Holbury, while Bashley (Rydal) host Burridge in an all Premier Division joust at the BCG.

Portsmouth entertain Sussex Premier League newcomers Middleton at St Helen's, Southsea, while Zac Miller, late of Totton & Eling, makes his competitive debut for Bath against Clevedon at Northern Parade.

New Milton set sail for the Isle of Wight and a meeting with Ventnor in the Steephill bowl, but Nick Park will not be on the boat.

New Milton: Ryan Beck, Lee Beck, Mark House, James Haggarty James Park, Nick Elliott, Toby Edwards, Lynton Staniford, Dan Loader, George Watts, Nick Gargaro.

## Saints Spotlight

SAINTS were aiming to avoid a third successive Premier League home loss to Tottenham this weekend.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at all of the north London club's post-war league visits to The Dell or St Mary's.

**10 May 1947**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 0**  
**Division 2**

Saints scored the only goal on 12 minutes through Don Roper.

**4 October 1947**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 1**  
**Division 2**

Eric Day set up a superb Bradley goal after just four minutes before Len Duquemin's header brought Spurs level.

**6 November 1948**  
**Saints 3 Spurs 1**  
**Division 2**

Third placed Saints defeated second placed Spurs.

Charlie Wayman opened the scoring for Saints before Ernie Jones levelled on 25 minutes.

Goals from Eric Day and Ted Bates secured the win for Saints who went on to finish third, two places above Spurs.

**8 October 1949**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 1**  
**Division 2**

An 87th minute equaliser from Ted Bates cancelled out Sonny Walters' opener. Spurs ended up crowned champions with Saints fourth.

**22 April 1967**  
**Saints 0 Spurs 1**  
**Division 1**

Alan Gilzean's glancing header gave Spurs both points in the first top flight clash between the clubs at The Dell.

**11 November 1967**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 2**  
**Division 1**

A 65th minute Martin Chivers goal was not enough for Saints who were unlucky not to get a point.

**23 November 1968**  
**Saints 2 Spurs 1**  
**Division One**

Ron Davies struck twice – in the 49th and 59th minutes – as Saints hit back from conceding an eighth minute Jimmy Greaves goal to win.

**4 October 1969**  
**Saints 2 Spurs 2**  
**Division One**

Alan Gilzean gave Spurs the lead on 24 minutes before Jimmy Gabriel and Bobby Stokes turned the game around. Jimmy Greaves struck in the 68th minute to ensure the spoils were shared.

**25 August 1970**  
**Saints 0 Spurs 0**  
**Division 1**

**22 April 1972**  
**Saints 0 Spurs 0**  
**Division 1**

**2 December 1972**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 1**  
**Division One**

Former Saints striker Martin Chivers fired Spurs ahead on 16 minutes but Mick Channon, Chivers' one-time strike partner at



**Matthew Le Tissier scores from the penalty spot for Saints in 1994**

The Dell, levelled ten minutes later.

**17 November 1973**  
**Saints 1 Spurs 1**  
**Division 1**

A very similar story to the previous season's meeting at The Dell. Again, Martin Chivers opened the scoring before, again, Mick Channon levelled – this time via a 52nd minute penalty.

**29 April 1978**  
**Saints 0 Spurs 0**

**Division 2**

Saints were already promoted as runners-up, and the visitors joined them in the top flight by picking up the point they needed in front of a packed Dell crowd of 28,846 – easily the best of the season.

Managers Lawrie McMenemy and Keith Burkinshaw had to go out onto the pitch before the match had started to plead for calm as tempers threatened to boil over on the terraces.

**16 April 1979**  
**Saints 3 Spurs 3**  
**Division 1**

Saints let slip a 3-0 lead in a six-goal thriller at The Dell.

David Peach opened the scoring before Alan Ball scored on his 600th League appearance.

Phil Boyer further extended the hosts' advantage before half-time.

But second half goals from Peter Taylor, Chris Jones and John Pratt saw Spurs storm back to grab a point.

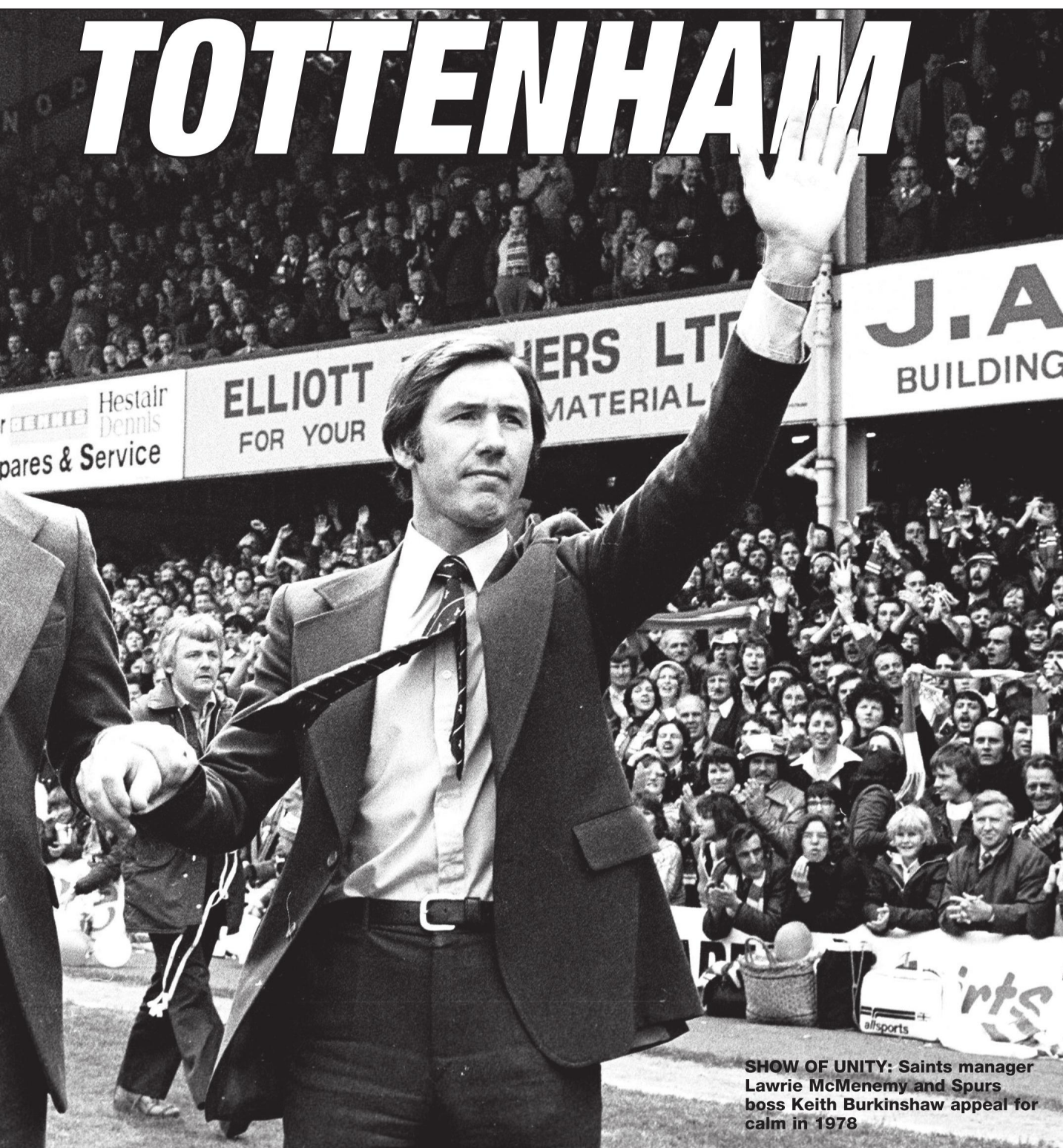
**SAINTS V SPURS MATCH REACTION - SEE MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO**



## Saints Spotlight



## TOTTENHAM



**SHOW OF UNITY: Saints manager Lawrie McMenemy and Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw appeal for calm in 1978**

## Did You Know?

## SEVEN CRICKETING FEUDS

MARLON Samuels caused a stir with his mocking salute of Ben Stokes, after the England all-rounder was dismissed cheaply in Grenada during the second Test.

Here, the *Sports Pink* examines seven not-so-magnificent cricketing feuds, ancient and modern:

**SAMUELS v STOKES:** This feisty pair singled one another out first when Stokes was bowling to Samuels as the West Indies batted first in the second Test in Grenada. When the England all-rounder later picked out deep midwicket with an attempted big hit at Devendra Bishoo, Samuels responded with an erect and comical salute at close quarters as the dismissed batsman made his way off. Stokes came back with a close-of-play tweet, "saluting" England for establishing a significant first-innings lead.

**JAVED v LILLEE:** The unfortunate enduring image is of Dennis Lillee crouched as if to attack and Javed Miandad with his bat held hammer-like above his shoulder. Umpire Tony Crafter was caught in the middle as the two squabbled after a mid-pitch collision over a single in the 1981-82 Perth Test. *Wisden* described the scene as "one of the most undignified incidents in Test history". After much posturing off the field too between witnesses and officials, Lillee was first fined 200 Australian dollars – reduced to 120, but with a two-match ban added. Javed was not punished.

**WATSON v CLARKE:** Vice-captain Shane Watson, pictured, was one of four Australians dropped during the 2012-13 tour of India, after questionnaires to team members did not find favour with everyone. 'Homework-gate' was coined, with captain Michael Clarke and Watson apparently opposed. The dispute was revisited before the second Ashes Test against England at Lord's in 2013, when sacked coach Mickey Arthur – in the text of a claim for unfair dismissal – revealed Clarke described Watson as a "cancer" on the team. That series was lost, but Clarke and Watson have since enjoyed an Ashes whitewash of England together and World Cup success.



**BOTHAM v CHAPPELL:** Former Test captains turned pundits Ian Chappell and Ian Botham have been at loggerheads for decades – after an apparent bar-room disagreement during the 1977 Centenary Test. Neither was playing – Botham was yet to make his debut – but that did not stop them locking horns. Content, and scale of aggression, is disputed on both sides. But lasting dislike for one another is not. They have spent almost 40 years, initially on the pitch, either arguing or – more wisely – avoiding contact.

**JARDINE v AUSTRALIA:** Still cricket's most infamous row, more than 80 years on, England captain Douglas Jardine had the firepower, especially Harold Larwood, to deliver the tactic which became known as 'Bodyline'. England needed to stop Don Bradman dominating the 1932-33 series, as he did so many others, and bowling short into the batsmen's bodies – with an impregnable field of leg-side catchers – was Jardine's method of deployment. After being hit in the chest in the third Test in Adelaide, Australia captain Bill Woodfull reportedly told England's team manager Pelham Warner: "There are two teams out there, one is playing cricket. The other is making no attempt to do so". A diplomatic incident ensued. Cricket was left with a sour taste, and a new law preventing anyone positioning more than two fielders behind square on the leg-side.

**GATTING v RANA:** Like the Javed-Lillee spat, England captain Mike Gatting's confrontation with Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana in Faisalabad in 1987-88 is imprinted on many a cricket soul thanks to footage at the time. The photograph of the enraged pair telling each other their thoughts exactly – after Rana stepped in when he sensed the field was being changed during the bowler's run-up – is there forever for millions. Gatting had to write a letter of apology so the Test could resume.

**ANDERSON v JADEJA:** Jostling between James Anderson and Ravindra Jadeja in the stairwell of the Trent Bridge pavilion as they came off for lunch during the first Test of the 2014 series belatedly came to light in the form of a Level 3 charge laid against Anderson by India via the International Cricket Council. England issued a counter-charge at the less serious Level 2, and the second Test at Lord's became a tense and hostile environment. It was not until after the third in Southampton, and a disciplinary hearing by a judicial commissioner, that the cases against both were dismissed.

**31 October 1981**

**Saints 1 Spurs 2**

**Division 1**

An 89th minute goal from Pat Corbett gave Spurs victory. Southampton-born Graham Roberts had opened the scoring prior to Steve Moran's 26th minute leveller.

**3 May 1983**

**Saints 1 Spurs 2**

**Division 1**

David Armstrong's 25th minute

half volley cancelled out Alan Brazil's opener, but a 88th minute Gary Mabbutt winner ended Saints' European hopes.

**7 May 1984**

**Saints 5 Spurs 0**

**Division 1**

Saints went goal crazy again, just a fortnight after putting eight past Coventry at The Dell.

Danny Wallace and David Armstrong both struck twice after David Puckett's opener.

The afternoon had started with Armstrong, who scored Saints' fourth and fifth goals in the last 20 minutes, named the club's player of the Year.

**6 October 1984**

**Saints 1 Spurs 0**

**Division 1**

Steve Moran's goal on the half hour mark was enough to beat Saints' top of the table visitors.

**2 November 1985**

**Saints 1 Spurs 0**

**Division 1**

David Puckett scored the only goal after 67 minutes.

**2 September 1986**

**Saints 2 Spurs 0**

**Division 1**

Glenn Cockerill set up both Colin Clarke and Danny Wallace to score.

**26 December 1987**

**Saints 2 Spurs 1**

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# Youth Football

## May plays for Pompey

FOUR years ago, Adam May caught the eye playing a mid-field role for Southampton boys side which reached the final of the English Schools' FA national Under-13 Cup.

He was a plucky loser that day, an impressive York side winning the final 2-0 at MK Dons.

Last weekend, at 17 years, four months and 13 days, the former Bitterne Park schoolboy stepped off the Pompey bench for his debut against Bury.

Wearing squad number 30 on his royal blue shirt, he got just over five minutes of action as Pompey slithered to a 1-0 defeat against the Lancastrian League 2 promotion chasers.

May, a first year Fratton Park scholar, was set to again feature in Gary Waddock's squad for today's trip to Mansfield.

The midfielder has scored four goals in 26 Academy appearances this season – and Pompey youth team coach Mikey Harris, the former Salisbury City boss, is delighted with his on-going development.

He said: "Adam is a central midfield player and – if he keeps progressing the way he is and keeps working as hard as he does – I think he can become a complete midfielder."

"He can tackle, he can pass, he can score goals, he can win his headers, he's an athletic lad as well."

"He's got to keep focused, keep working to stretch himself and be the best he can be. We will see where it gets him."

"It's nice recognition for all the staff within the Academy when the lads graduate. That is what our role is and to have those two come through this season has been a real positive."

"The next thing is for them to cement themselves in the first-team squad and then the first team, that's the goal."

"And I believe he is capable of achieving that."

## Local sides head North

BROCKENHURST and Itchen will be looking for some Yorkshire grit and steel when plan a double local assault on the British Sixth Form Colleges titles at Walsall's Banks Stadium on Thursday (3004).

Ironically, they both play opposition from Humbershire – girls cup holders Itchen kicking things off against Wyke Sixth Form College at 11am.

Past winners, Brock play St Mary's Sports College, also from Hull, at 3pm.

Poole Grammar are also in cup final action on Tuesday and play Twynham under the Christchurch floodlights at Hurn Bridge, 7.30pm.



Itchen's Jack Burrows on the ball against Poole Grammar School



Barton Peveril's Ben Gurman scores from a penalty against Farnborough.

# BP ARE CUP KINGS

## BARTON Peveril are this season's Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges Cup kings.

They added to last month's Peter Munro Cup success this week by winning the century-old six-a-side tournament for the first time in eight seasons, *writes MIKE VIMPANY*

They beat Itchen 1-0 in the final, having won their qualifying group and then ousting Sparsholt and Farnborough.

The 1-0 margin of their win over Itchen didn't do justice to the way BP bossed a tired-legged final.

A cleverly taken goal by Rian Jima-Otero settled affairs, but Barton Peveril wasted enough chances to have won the final by four or five.

In fairness, the mini-soccer goals which the Southampton Sports Centre used for the tournament made it far harder to score goals- and made live a lot more comfortable for the goalkeepers who normally find themselves targets in the proverbial coconut sky in this long standing tournament.

BP, with their close passing game, were far better equipped for the same side game, which certainly wasn't

conducive to the long-ball tactics Itchen employ so successfully in the Colleges League.

Ironically, BP needed a corner count-back victory over Sparsholt to put them on their way.

Ben Gurman saw his opening goal cancelled out by Sparsholt's Australian midfielder Jack Kuipers, but BP progressed on account of having forced more corners in a 1-1 draw.

Matt Casey's goal put Itchen through against Peter Symonds, while Farnborough beat Alton 2-0 and Morgan Turner and Chris

Wilcox gave Poole Grammar a 2-1 win over Andover, for whom Cameron Roach replied.

When it came to the semi-finals – by which time limbs and muscles were getting very sore indeed – Itchen over-whelmed Poole 4-1 with Callum Williams scoring twice to improve on earlier strikes by Keenan New and Casey.

Barton Peveril faced a far more demanding challenge against Farnborough, but a Gurman penalty and a late winner by Rian Jima-Otero earned the eventual cup winners a 2-1 victory.



Barton Peveril's Sam Morris (right) goes for the ball against Farnborough



Sixes champs, Barton Peveril. Back (from left): Sam Morris; Ben Gurman; Rian Jima-Otero; Jack Pearson; George Butler. Front: Mat Cousins; Matt Bainbridge; James Kille.



Youth Football



Sparsholt, who were beaten on a corner count-back in the quarter-finals by Barton Peveril.



Beaten finalists Itchen. Back (from left): Dylan Owen, Ellis Roy, Jordan Brooks, Jack Burrows, Matt Hubbard. Front: Charlie Wagstaffe, Callum Williams, Matt Casey, Keenan New.



Poole Grammar reached the semi-finals for the first time in many years before bowing out to Itchen. Back (from left): Matt Brunt, Ed Hicks, George Nix, Morgan Turner. Front: Chris Wilcox, Alex Martin, Sam White.

Sunday Football

■ ICE House secured a league and cup as they were crowned winners of the DR Trophy with a 5-0 final victory over league rivals Titans.

Kev Cutter and Andrew Longland's brace helped them on their way to secure the silverware after Ice House had won the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division One title.

Dan Smith bagged the other to cap an incredible season.

It was slightly different story for Junior Division Six champions elect as they narrow beat Junior Seven champions AFC Waterside 2-1 in the Charlie Godden Trophy final.

Lethal striker Matt Bonsanquet and man-of-the-match Tom Munday scored the decisive goals after Dean Lamb's penalty made it 1-1 at the break.

Despite Hedge End Athletic already securing their championship crown in Junior Three, the table-toppers were in no mood to dawdle to the end of the campaign.

Joe Williams' hat-trick and Daniel Turner and Mark Parnell's goal apiece saw them thrash AFC Velmor 5-1.

That came days after Hedge had thrashed Test Valley Spartans 7-1 through Williams' four goals.

Lee Little, Callum Barnes and Daniel Turner got the other goals in that annihilation.

The fourth tier's runners-up, Trant, were also on hot-form as they destroyed Chartwell Green Reserves 8-0 thanks to Aaron Dunne's four goals.

Bouwe Bosma's double, Scott Fellbrick and Ricky Richardsion completed the rout.

■ AFC Southbrook edged closer to the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division Four crown after Mark Christopher's hat-trick sent them on their way to a 5-1 win over King George.

Michael Clark and Pete Burgess netted the other two while Abraham Kapinga responded.

The result means that Southbrook need just a point from their last two games to secure the crown.

Marchwood Rangers' title hopes faded with a 4-1 defeat to Carnival UK, who kept their vague championship hopes alive.

Dan Jones's double, Richard Bampton and Sam Homewood settled the issue. Matt Petty replied.

That saw Carnival record vital back-to-back victories after they beat Shelfside 4-3 earlier in the week.

Tom Page, Liam White, Tom Weller and Sean Rogers bagged the goals. Nathan Grey, Wayne Atkin and Shane Grist responded.

Meanwhile, Shelfside and Durlay shared a ten-goal draw.

Shelfside were 4-0 up at the break but capitulated in the second period as Ash Dallimore (2), Owen Williams, Mike Church and Matt Darling's goals saw Durlay seal an amazing comeback 5-5 draw.

Curbridge took top-spot in Junior Division Five by taking double victories.

They ended the week by beating high-fliers Bitterne Ducks 3-2 through James Drewery, Chevy Banks and Liam Slade. Chris Pye and Michael Thomas hit back.

They started it with a 5-1 thrashing of third-place Sholing Monks, with Drewery netting twice while Jack Buss, Glenn Littleboy and James Pitre

Meanwhile, third-placed Bishops won 1-0 against AFC Bishopstoke.

Bishops bounced-back from a 4-0 bashing by Young Boys 93/4 earlier in the week.

Charlie Hartup John MacAuley, Reece Greenfield and Sean Becheley struck for the fourth-placed side.

In Junior Division Two mid-table sides Boyatt Wood Wanderers and Lokomotive Eastleigh shared a 2-2 draw.

Lous Baldacchino's brace gave Eastleigh a 2-1 lead at the break. Liam Stafford and Craig Proudly responded.

Boyatt were buoyant coming into that clash after beating lowly Athleticco Tin Hut 7-0.

Warren Applegate's four goals, Craig Phillips's brace and Adam Shepherd's goals were the difference in that one.

James King netted a hat-trick as Langward Rovers confirmed runners-up spot in Junior One with an 8-1 demolition of AFC Portswood.

Rob North fired in a second-half consolation goal after Iyaz Cawsey and Tunde Akintolu had scored a brace apiece and Ruben Martinez had bagged one of his own.

Ice House have already been crowned champions of the division.

RS Ocean Village compounded a miserable season for rock-bottom Chartwell Green as they defeated them 3-2.

Louis Cassim (2) and John Longman sealed it. Jordan Collett and Lewis Austin replied.

There was a goal-glut between Sky Blues and AFC Portswood as Brad Snelling's four goals settled a 5-4 thriller in favour of Blues.

bagging a goal apiece.

At the other end of the table St Minions collected three rare points with a 4-2 win over Itchen Albion.

Chris Lee, Martin Ellis, Ashley LeBase and James Collins netted in that one.

Meanwhile, Portside recorded back-to-back wins over Burridge AFC.

First they won 3-1, with Iain Chalmers, Luke Chalmers and Ross Kitcher bagging the goals. Nathan Wittingham replied.

Then, three days later, they were back at it, this time with a 2-0 victory through Alex Azadegan and David Fitzpatrick.

In Junior Division Six, AFC Spitfire were scorched to victory with a 10-1 dismantling of AFC Phoenix.

Joseph Burgess's hat-trick and goals each for Matt Coulthard, Neil Philpotts, James Guppy, Gary Smith, Thomas Tiller, James Crewdson and Martin Wilson marked an incredible win.

Tom Jenkins netted the consolation. JSC beat Sporting Compass 3-1 in a mid-table clash.

With nothing to play for, for either side, Ben Jacobs and Nick White (2) sealed the win.

Title chargers Mottisfont and Fawley RBL, meanwhile, shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

Harvey Clousdale netted for Mottisfont, Kieran Roach responded.

In the Senior Division, AFC West End powered to a 5-1 win over Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak).

Craig Harding bagged a hat-trick while Lewis Mitchell and Tom Millar struck one each.

In the other game in the top-flight, Sholing United narrowly beat Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 3-2.

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Senior Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamble Roll Call	11	11	0	0	63	7	33
KRL	14	10	0	4	56	25	30
AFC Bursledon	12	8	2	2	52	18	26
AFC West End	14	8	1	5	36	16	22
Sholing United	12	7	0	5	53	37	18
Bush Hill & NH	13	5	1	7	36	39	16
Cricketers Arms	15	4	0	11	34	56	12
Yacht Tavern	12	4	0	8	22	45	12
Aldermoor United	15	0	0	15	10	119	0

Junior Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice House	15	13	0	2	88	35	39
Langward Rovers	18	11	1	6	72	53	34
Glen	18	9	1	8	62	49	28
RS Ocean Village	17	8	2	7	53	45	26
Titans	15	7	4	4	38	23	25
Sky Blues	18	8	1	9	52	63	25
AFC Riverside	17	6	1	10	32	52	19
AFC Portswood	15	6	1	8	44	76	19
Chamberlayne Athletic	18	5	3	10	41	51	18
Chartwell Green	13	1	2	10	23	58	5

Junior Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Itchen Saints	13	9	3	1	61	17	30
Testlands	13	9	2	2	48	17	29
Hamble Roll Call Res	13	9	2	2	42	18	29
S & D Youth	16	9	1	6	51	56	28
Boyatt Wood Wndrs	14	8	2	4	51	31	26
Lokomotive Eastleigh	14	4	6	4	28	30	18
Phoenix AFC	15	4	0	11	26	57	12
LH Galaxy	16	1	4	11	19	47	7
Athleticco Tin Hut	14	0	2	12	14	67	2

Junior Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Athletic	16	15	1	0	113	27	46
Trant	15	12	1	2	82	17	37
Bishops	15	8	0	7	35	47	24
Young Boys 93/4	15	7	0	8	51	53	21
Test Valley Spartans	15	6	1	8	33	53	19
AFC Bishopstoke	15	5	3	7	29	42	18
AFC Velmor	14	4	4	6	41	44	16
Fleming Sports	15	2	2	11	27	65	8
Chartwell Green Res	16	2	2	12	18	81	8

Junior Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Southbrook	17	11	2	4	63	32	35
Marchwood Rangers	18	10	2	6	55	40	32
Carnival UK	16	9	2	5	59	43	29
King George	17	8	2	7	37	35	26
Eastpoint	16	8	2	6	43	45	26
Durlay	17	7	4	6	46	31	25
Shelfside	17	7	4	6	67	59	25
Royale Marine	17	7	3	7	31	30	24
Holbury United	18	6	0	12	45	66	18
Otter Sunday	17	1	1	15	22	87	4

Junior Division Five	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Curbridge	17	14	2	1	81	14	44
Dorchester Arms	17	13	2	2	81	22	41
Sholing Monks	17	11	1	5	72	34	34
Portside	17	10	2	5	51	27	32
Bitterne Ducks	16	9	2	5	58	33	29
Portswood United	18	7	5	6	53	36	26
Burridge AFC	18	6	2	10	47	49	20
Itchen Albion	17	5	0	12	30	68	15
St Minions	17	2	1	14	25	129	7
Soton SealHawks	18	0	1	17	9	95	1

Junior Division Six	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mottisfont	16	15	1	0	104	12	46
Fawley RBL	18	13	2	3	86	36	41
Hunters Inn	16	12	0	4	64	18	36
Netley Royals	18	11	3	4	53	46	36
AFC Spitfire	18	8	3	7	59	50	27
JSC	18	7	2	9	43	41	23
Sporting Compass	17	5	2	10	36	72	17
Unity	18	4	2	12	29	63	14
Bannister Park	18	2	1	15	18	88	7
AFC Phoenix	17	1	2	14	25	91	5

Junior Division Seven	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	12	11	1	0	86	7	34
Lyndhurst Junior FC	12	9	0	3	59	17	27
Dorchester Manor	12	8	0	4	41	27	24
Portswood United Res	12	7	1	4	53	26	22
AFC Carnival	12	1	3	8	20	76	6
Chamberlayne Ath Res	12	1	2	9	18	80	5
Testwood Tornados	12	0	3	9	23	67	3

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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015



## Players return

YORKSHIRE will be without Ryan Sidebottom when they host Hampshire next month – but will have all their England players back.

Hampshire's next away game is at Headingley on May 10 is one of their biggest games of the season.

The county champions will be without former England left-armers Sidebottom, who is out for six weeks, and have already had to draft in India's Cheteshwar Pujara to replace Aaron Finch, who is sidelined for up to 12 after suffering a hamstring injury at the Indian Premier League.

Yorkshire had to begin the defence of their county crown without seven first-choice players – captain Andrew Gale, who was completing a disciplinary ban at Worcester, and six away



**INJURED:** Seam bowler Ryan Sidebottom.

on Test duty with England in the West Indies.

They were reportedly considering whether to ask England if leg-spinner Adil Rashid, still uncapped after missing out on selection for the first two Tests, can return home early to bolster their squad for the Championship match against Warwickshire.

But they should have Rashid back for Hampshire's visit – as well as a few of their other England players.

Being centrally contracted, Joe Root and Gary Ballance are likely to be rested.

But Jonny Bairstow, Adam Lyth and Liam Plunkett may play their first LV County Championship match of the season against Hampshire in a fortnight's time.

# TOP BATS GOING

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CRICKET REPORTER

**THERE** are few more exciting batsmen in English cricket than James Vince and Alex Hales – and the pair will be in opposition at the Ageas Bowl over the next four days.

Both were touted as likely candidates for a regular place in the England one-day side after the World Cup debacle, but have started the LV County Championship season very differently.

You sense that a big score for Vince is not far away, but he has had his worst start to a Championship season.

His golden duck in the second innings at Edgbaston on Tuesday left him with an aggregate of just 54 runs at 13.5 from the first two matches.

He does not have a very good Championship record against Notts (the 75 he made on his Championship debut in 2009 remains his highest score), but hopefully he can carry on where he left off in last year's T20 quarter-final, when he made a sensational 93 not out

### Career best

In contrast, 26 year-old Hales has got off to a veritable flier.

He already has 404 first-class runs at 67.3.

Admittedly, 129 of those came against Loughborough University. But the career-best 236 he made against Yorkshire last week means he will arrive at The Ageas Bowl as the country's leading run scorer so far this season.

Michael Carberry is not far behind him with 373 at 74.6 but with his England career seemingly over, Test cricket's loss looks like being Hampshire's gain this summer.

Hales has three of England's top four T20 scores (116 v Sri Lanka, 99 v West Indies and 80 v New Zealand) from 33 internationals.

But the 26 year-old hoped to have played more than nine ODIs by now.

Two of those came at the beginning of a World Cup campaign he has described as "an embarrassment and that is being generous – we played with a fear of failure."

## Vince and Hales face off at Ageas Bowl



**HOME DEBUT:** Andre Adams is likely to face his former club this weekend.

He has an incremental ECB contract but is frustrated at the stop-start nature of his international career thus far.

### Frustration

In a recent interview, he said: "I don't feel like I've had a proper crack at it yet."

"I played the back end of last summer against India, did OK without setting the world alight, and since then it has been the odd game, coming in, dropping out again. That is a fair thing to say."

It is fair to say that Hales took his frustration out on the county

champions this week.

He batted for six hours on the first day of Championship cricket at Trent Bridge this season, facing only 282 balls for his 236 (38 fours, one six), the competition's highest score of the season so far.

That was against an attack led by Tim Bresnan and Jack Brooks, who took 9-84 in the match against Notts, making him the competition's leading wicket-taker so far with 13 at 19.23.

Afterwards, Hales said: "This year I want to make as many big scores as I can in this format because it's still my dream to play Test cricket."



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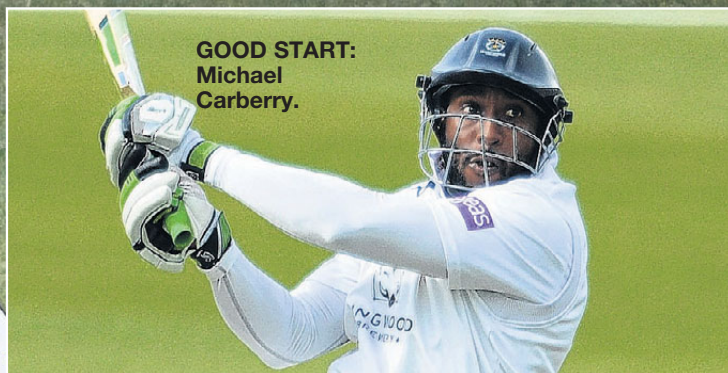


# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015

## HEAD TO HEAD



**ENGLAND HOPEFUL:** Alex Hales has started the Championship season well.



**GOOD START:**  
Michael Carberry.

Hampshire were the opposition when Hales made the first of his ten first-class hundreds. Batting at number three, his 254-ball 136 (15 fours, one six) at Trent Bridge in May 2010 was made during a match best remembered for Neil McKenzie's final-innings heroics in a two-wicket Hampshire win. Since then, Hales has been joined in Notts' top order by Michael Lumb, but the former Hampshire batsman is unavailable after tearing a tendon in

his arm during the Big Bash.

Notts have a new opening batsman who Sean Ervine knows well. Like Ervine, Brendan Taylor has retired from international cricket with Zimbabwe to focus on county cricket.

With 433 runs at 72, he was one of the top batsmen at this year's World Cup but is now focused on maximising his earning potential with Notts after signing as a Kolpak player last month.

His century on debut against Middlesex at Lord's was not a bad way to start.

All-rounder Will Gidman, a winter signing from Gloucestershire, has not made a big impact in Notts' first two matches and nor has new overseas star

Vernon Philander.

But Gidman has an outstanding record against Hampshire with bat and ball (269 runs at 44 and 23 wickets at 16.8) and a big haul for Philander is surely only a matter of time.

Philander, a controversial pick ahead of Kyle Abbott for South Africa's World Cup semi-final defeat against Australia, failed to take a wicket in his only previous Championship appearance against Hampshire, for Kent at Canterbury two years ago (36-4-88-0).

### Long association

But with 121 Test wickets at 21.95, it is surely only a matter of time before he improves on a Championship record of 36 wickets at 29, accrued in brief spells with Middlesex (2008), Somerset (2012) and Kent (2013).

The arrivals of Philander and Gidman were factors in the ending of Andre Adams' long association with Notts (2007-14).

He is likely to make his home debut for Hampshire against his previous employers.

He had knee surgery during the winter and a cortisone injection in a troublesome elbow last month, but is back to full match fitness after taking 3-113 from 37 overs on debut against Warwickshire at Edgbaston this week.

Not a bad effort for a 39 year-old. "I've got three months to get through and it won't be pain free, that's a pipe dream!" he laughed.

### HAMPSHIRE FIXTURES 2015

#### APRIL

12-15 Sussex (h) Championship: Sussex 444 (D Briggs 4-74) & 164 (J Tomlinson 4-37, D Briggs 3-27), Hampshire 231 (S Ervine 66no, C Wood 48) & 285 (M Carberry 79). Hampshire lost by 79 runs.

19-22 Warwickshire (a) Championship: Hampshire 319 (A Wheeler 74, J Adams 53) & 339 (S Ervine 102, M Carberry 81), Warwicks 280 (J Tomlinson 3-53) & 244-5. Match drawn.

26-29 Nottinghamshire (h) .....CC

#### MAY

10-13 Yorkshire (Headingley) .....CC

15 Essex (h) .....T20

17-20 Middlesex (h) .....CC

22 Kent (h) .....T20 - f

29 Glamorgan (Swalec) .....T20 - f

31-3 Worcestershire (h) .....CC

#### JUNE

4 Middlesex (h) .....T20

5 Somerset (Taunton) .....T20

7-10 Sussex (Hove) .....CC

12 Kent (Canterbury) .....T20 - f

18 Middlesex (Lord's) .....T20 - f

19 Sussex (h) .....T20 - f

21 Somerset (h) .....CC

26 Essex (Chelmsford) .....T20 - f

28-1 Middlesex (Lord's) .....CC

#### JULY

3 Glamorgan (h) .....T20 - f

6-9 Worcestershire (New Road) .....CC

10 Surrey (h) .....T20 - f

14 Gloucestershire (Cheltenham) .....T20

17 Sussex (Hove) .....T20 - f

19-22 Durham (h) .....CC

23 Somerset (h) .....T20 - f

27 Sussex (h) .....50L - f

30 Kent (Canterbury) .....50L - f

#### AUGUST

1 Middlesex (h) .....50L

2 Glamorgan (Swalec) .....50L

4 Essex (h) .....50L - f

5 Warwickshire (Edgbaston) .....50L - f

7-10 Warwickshire (h) .....CC

17 Lancashire (h) .....50L - f

19 Nottinghamshire (Trent Bridge) .....50L - f

#### SEPTEMBER

1-4 Durham (Riverside) LVCC

9-12 Somerset (Taunton) .....CC

14-17 Yorkshire (h) .....CC

22-25 Nottinghamshire (Trent Bridge) .....CC

Key LVCC: LV County Championship T20: Twenty20 50L: Royal London One-Day Cup f: floodlit

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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015

## BOOK of the WEEK

**Wisden Cricketers' Almanac**  
Edited by Lawrence Booth  
Sports book of the month.com  
price: £45.00, saving £5.00 on rrp

The inaugural Wisden was published in 1864 so it would, perhaps, be a tad unfair had it been voted sports book of the year every twelve months in the intervening century-and-a-half, but it's possible, once again, to make a convincing case for the 2015 version to lift sporting literature's equivalent of an Oscar later this year.

"If you don't like small print and cricket, then the Almanac is not for you," wrote one reviewer last year, yet while the book's tiny font size is easily circumnavigated courtesy of a pair of specs, it might be a little more informative to suggest that if you enjoy reading accomplished writers on cricket, then Wisden deserves a place on your bookcase, for the traditions of Cardus and Arlott are maintained in the latest edition.

The Almanac has always revelled in the opportunity to refer to obscure cricketing facts and incidents from the preceding twelve months. Here, it reminds us of a match in Delhi when seven runs were scored off a single ball, though not one of them were off the bat, after the umpire signalled a wide on a ball bowled by Lasith Malinga. The wicketkeeper then parried the ball (notching up a bye) onto a stationary helmet, which resulted in Malinga's team, the Mumbai Indians, suffering a further, five-run penalty.

Cricketers are rightly portrayed as a humorous bunch and Wisden's list of the unusual, together with its chronicle of the year, are always extremely funny.

For instance, much was made of the cricketing contest between the Vatican and Canterbury's finest – the Anglicans prevailed over the Catholics by a narrow margin – prompting Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to declare the victory "one of the greatest ecumenical moments of our generation." Who said he was dour?

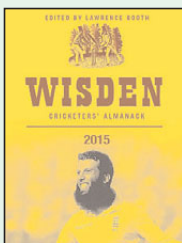
Editor Lawrence Booth deserves credit for introducing a section on women's cricket and highlighting the declining number of cricket's participants, a worrying trend, he maintains, caused by the game being transmitted almost exclusively on subscription television while being subject to poor management.

No-one will plough through 1,584 pages in one sitting, but if you're after a sports book you can dip into all year, there is none better than Wisden Cricketers' Almanac.

We've teamed up with [www.sportsbookofthemonth.com](http://www.sportsbookofthemonth.com) and have a copy of Wisden Cricketers' Almanac to give away.

To win this prize, visit the [www.sportsbookofthemonth.com](http://www.sportsbookofthemonth.com) website and answer the following question:

Which team were crowned county champions in 2014?



# RELIVING THE BEST

## HAMPSHIRE return to Championship action at The Ageas Bowl this weekend as they welcome Nottinghamshire to West End.

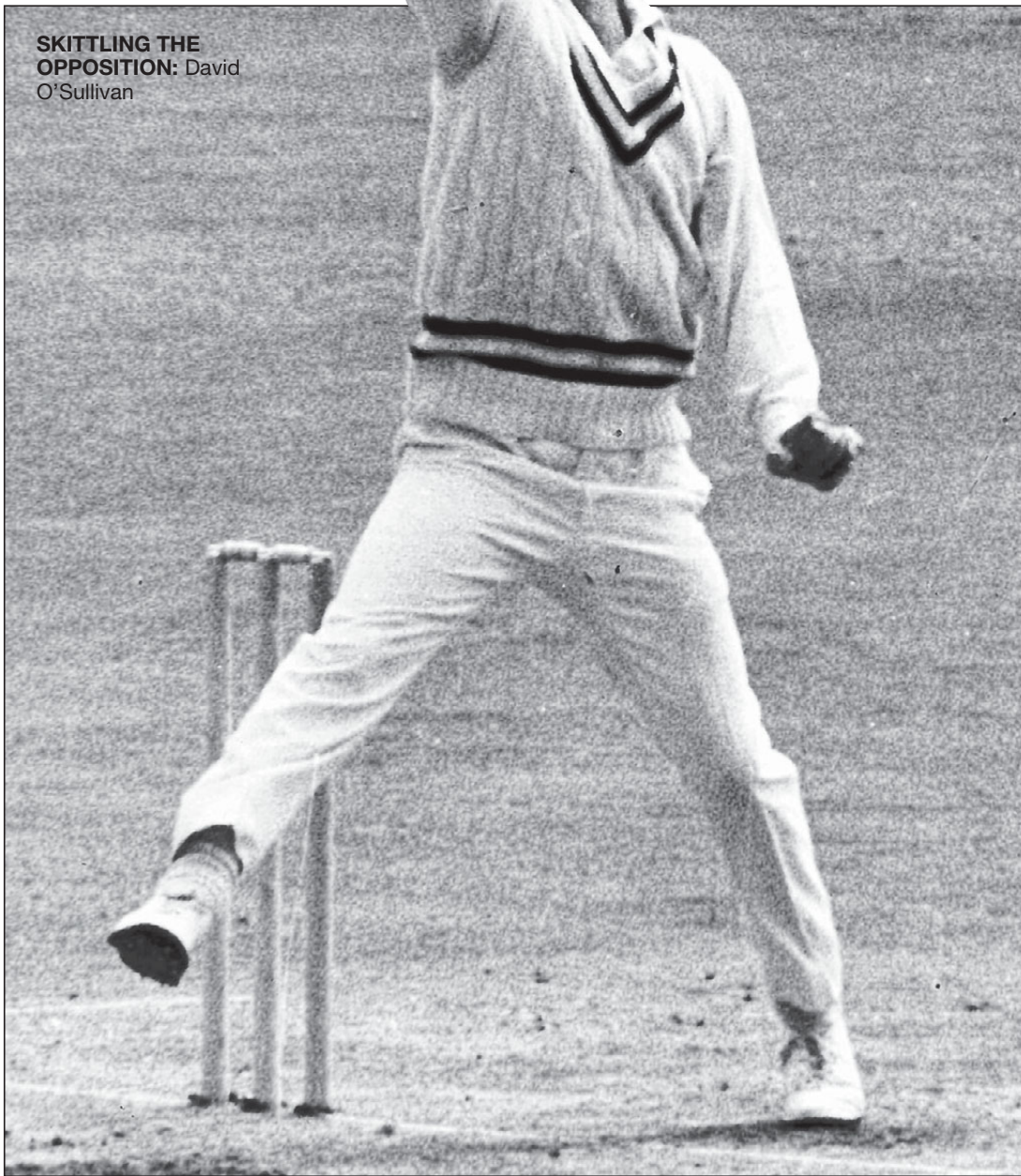
They have enjoyed some memorable wins against the midlands county since the start of the 1970s, and the Sports Pink turns the clock back here to relive some of the best.

We start with a remarkable 295-run success at Bournemouth's Dean Park in August 1973.

David O'Sullivan bagged match figures of 11-41, including 5-15 in the second innings as Notts were skittled for just 49.

That crushing success took Hampshire to the brink of the county title, which they sealed a few days later – by beating Yorkshire at Dean Park.

**SKITTLING THE OPPOSITION:** David O'Sullivan



### County Championship 1973

**Hampshire first innings**  
BA Richards c Hassan b Wilkinson ..... 28  
CG Greenidge c Frost b White ..... 30  
DR Turner c Randall b Taylor ..... 35  
\*RMC Gilliat c Frost b White ..... 23  
PJ Sainsbury c Pullan b Stead ..... 17  
TE Jesty c Edwards b White ..... 0  
MNS Taylor c and b Edwards ..... 49  
DR O'Sullivan c Pullan b Wilkinson ..... 13  
GR Stephenson c Pullan b Wilkinson ..... 13  
RS Herman b Stead ..... 29  
TJ Mottram not out ..... 15  
Extras (2 b, 9 lb) ..... 11  
**Total (all out, 86.3 overs) ..... 263**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-47, 2-89, 3-111, 4-133, 5-135, 6-173, 7-201, 8-214, 9-219, 10-263 (86.3 ov)  
**Bowling:** Stead 26.3 6 84 2; Wilkinson 16 0 51 3; Taylor 13 2 33 1; White 22 3 56 3; Edwards 8 0 20 1; Harris 1 0 8 0

**Nottinghamshire first innings**  
MJ Harris b Mottram ..... 39  
RA White b Taylor ..... 28  
DW Randall c Greenidge b O'Sullivan ..... 19  
\*MJ Smedley c Greenidge b O'Sullivan ..... 1  
SB Hassan b O'Sullivan ..... 8  
G Frost c Gilliat b O'Sullivan ..... 8  
G Edwards c Taylor b Sainsbury ..... 0  
B Stead c and b O'Sullivan ..... 16  
PA Wilkinson c Greenidge b O'Sullivan ..... 4  
DA Pullan c Greenidge b Sainsbury ..... 1  
W Taylor not out ..... 0  
Extras (2 lb, 6 nb, 2 w) ..... 10  
**Total (all out, 63.5 overs) ..... 127**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-65, 2-85, 3-86, 4-88, 5-103, 6-104, 7-104, 8-112, 9-127, 10-127 (63.5 ov)  
**Bowling:** Herman 12 3 33 0; Mottram 13 4 29 1; Taylor 10 2 14 1; Jesty 2 0 12 0; O'Sullivan 16.5 9 26 6; Sainsbury 10 7 3 2

**Hampshire second innings**  
BA Richards lbw b Stead ..... 16  
CG Greenidge b Stead ..... 12  
DR Turner c Pullan b White ..... 5  
\*RMC Gilliat b Stead ..... 56  
PJ Sainsbury lbw b Taylor ..... 16  
TE Jesty c Hassan b White ..... 12  
MNS Taylor not out ..... 37  
GR Stephenson not out ..... 22  
Extras (8 b, 4 lb, 1 nb) ..... 13  
**Total (7 wickets, declared, 63 overs) 208**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-24, 2-33, 3-47, 4-97, 5-118, 6-128, 7-162  
**Bowling:** Stead 23 8 48 4; Wilkinson 11 1 50 0; Taylor 9 2 25 1; White 17 3 54 2; Edwards 3 0 18 0

**Nottinghamshire second innings**  
MJ Harris c Richards b O'Sullivan ..... 11  
RA White c Stephenson b Herman ..... 6  
DW Randall c Stephenson b Herman ..... 2  
\*MJ Smedley c Jesty b O'Sullivan ..... 3  
SB Hassan c Gilliat b O'Sullivan ..... 0  
G Frost not out ..... 11

G Edwards b Sainsbury ..... 0  
B Stead c Jesty b Sainsbury ..... 5  
PA Wilkinson c Richards b O'Sullivan ..... 2  
DA Pullan c Greenidge b O'Sullivan ..... 0  
W Taylor c Richards b Sainsbury ..... 2  
Extras (4 b, 3 nb) ..... 7  
**Total (all out, 32.3 overs) ..... 49**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-15, 2-22, 3-22, 4-22, 5-30, 6-31, 7-41, 8-46, 9-46, 10-49 (32.3 ov)  
**Bowling:** Herman 8 3 9 2; Mottram 4 1 10 0; O'Sullivan 12 7 15 5; Sainsbury 8.3 4 8 3

### Hampshire won by 295 runs

Peter Sainsbury was Hampshire's century hero as they beat Nottinghamshire two years later, again at Dean Park.

Asked to chase 230 for victory, the hosts stumbled to 29-3 but were rescued by

Sainsbury hitting 105 in an eventual four-wicket win.

That came after Notts had enjoyed a 43-run first innings advantage.

### County Championship 1975

**Nottinghamshire first innings**  
MJ Harris c Greenidge b Taylor ..... 53  
SB Hassan c Rice b Roberts ..... 8  
\*MJ Smedley lbw b Jesty ..... 7  
CEB Rice lbw b Taylor ..... 11  
DW Randall c Stephenson b Herman ..... 10  
PD Johnson c Stephenson b Roberts ..... 48  
RA White c Greenidge b Jesty ..... 18  
AH Latchman b Roberts ..... 50  
B Stead not out ..... 14  
JD Birch not out ..... 16  
Extras (1 b, 7 lb, 3 nb, 7 w) ..... 18  
**Total (8 wickets, 100 overs) ..... 253**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-25, 2-50, 3-69, 4-90, 5-101, 6-154, 7-218, 8-223

**Bowling:** Roberts 22 5 56 3; Herman 12 1 35 1; Taylor 18 3 52 2; Jesty 17 5 50 2; Sainsbury 31 18 42 0

**Hampshire first innings**  
BA Richards c Harris b Birch ..... 35  
CG Greenidge lbw b Hacker ..... 4  
DR Turner b Rice ..... 59  
\*RMC Gilliat c Birch b Hacker ..... 31  
PJ Sainsbury c Harris b Birch ..... 23  
JM Rice b Birch ..... 19  
TE Jesty lbw b Birch ..... 2  
MNS Taylor c Smedley b Birch ..... 10  
GR Stephenson c White b Birch ..... 14  
RS Herman lbw b Rice ..... 0  
AME Roberts not out ..... 0  
Extras (1 lb, 10 nb, 2 w) ..... 13  
**Total (all out, 62.2 overs) ..... 210**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-6, 2-77, 3-132, 4-144, 5-173, 6-179, 7-188, 8-208, 9-210, 10-210 (62.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Rice 19 4 52 2; Hacker 15 1 60 2; Birch 16.2 3 64 6; White 11 2 21 0; Latchman 1 1 0 0

**Nottinghamshire second innings**  
MJ Harris c Stephenson b Herman ..... 12  
SB Hassan c Stephenson b Herman ..... 12  
\*MJ Smedley lbw b Herman ..... 9  
DW Randall lbw b Roberts ..... 38  
CEB Rice c Stephenson b Rice ..... 53  
PD Johnson b Roberts ..... 30  
RA White c Gilliat b Herman ..... 6  
AH Latchman c Richards b Roberts ..... 0  
JD Birch c Roberts b Sainsbury ..... 12  
PJ Hacker not out ..... 1  
B Stead absent hurt  
Extras (3 lb, 7 nb) ..... 10  
**Total (all out, 69.2 overs) ..... 183**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-21, 2-28, 3-47, 4-117, 5-143, 6-154, 7-170, 8-173, 9-183 (69.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Roberts 24 11 44 3; Herman 24 4 70 4; Taylor 8 1 33 0; Sainsbury 8.2 4 16 1; Rice 5 3 10 1

**Hampshire second innings**  
BA Richards b Rice ..... 0  
CG Greenidge lbw b Rice ..... 7  
DR Turner b Rice ..... 13  
PJ Sainsbury b White ..... 105

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## WINS OVER NOTTS

TE Jesty c Randall b Rice ..... 5  
 \*RMC Gilliat c Hassan b Birch ..... 51  
 JM Rice not out ..... 18  
 MNS Taylor not out ..... 9  
 Extras (5 b, 10 lb, 6 nb, 1 w) ..... 22  
**Total (6 wickets, 75.3 overs) ..... 230**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-7, 2-12, 3-29, 4-40, 5-176, 6-200  
**Bowling:** Rice 21 7 47 4; Hacker 14 2 35 0;  
 Birch 9 1 34 1; White 22.3 6 57 1; Latchman 9 0 35 0

Hampshire won by 4 wickets

Mike Taylor produced a devastating second innings burst to help Hampshire thrash Nottinghamshire in 1977.

He took 7-23 in the visitors' second innings to help set up a 233-run success.

David Rock and Gordon Greenidge had earlier both scored centuries for Hampshire.

Schwepes County Championship 1977

#### Hampshire first innings

CG Greenidge c Birch b Rice ..... 0  
 BA Richards c Hassan b Birch ..... 9  
 DJ Rock c French b Doshi ..... 106  
 TE Jesty c French b Wilkinson ..... 22  
 NEJ Pocock lbw b Doshi ..... 15  
 NGC Cowley b Birch ..... 4  
 JM Rice c French b White ..... 26  
 MNS Taylor c and b Birch ..... 21  
 \*+GR Stephenson b Doshi ..... 4  
 AME Roberts not out ..... 7  
 JW Southern lbw b Birch ..... 8  
 Extras (2 b, 1 lb, 1 nb) ..... 4  
**Total (all out, 79.4 overs) ..... 226**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-0, 2-15, 3-48, 4-84, 5-101, 6-156, 7-203, 8-211, 9-211, 10-226 (79.4 ov)  
**Bowling:** Rice 15 2 37 2; Hacker 0.3 0 0 0;  
 Birch 17 1 2 54 3; Wilkinson 17 3 61 1; Doshi 19 10 35 3; White 11 3 35 1

#### Nottinghamshire first innings

SB Hassan b Roberts ..... 16  
 PD Johnson b Taylor ..... 33  
 DW Randall lbw b Jesty ..... 13  
 CEB Rice b Taylor ..... 41  
 \*MJ Smedley c Rice b Roberts ..... 12  
 JD Birch c Stephenson b Jesty ..... 9  
 RA White b Rice ..... 34  
 PA Wilkinson c Richards b Jesty ..... 6  
 BN French c Stephenson b Rice ..... 5  
 FJ Hacker not out ..... 10  
 DP Doshi b Rice ..... 1  
 Extras (2 b, 2 lb, 1 nb) ..... 5  
**Total (all out, 66.5 overs) ..... 185**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-30, 2-43, 3-101, 4-106, 5-120, 6-134, 7-151, 8-160, 9-177, 10-185 (66.5 ov)

**Bowling:** Roberts 21 5 43 2; Jesty 20 4 62 3;  
 Rice 12.5 1 45 3; Taylor 13 3 30 2

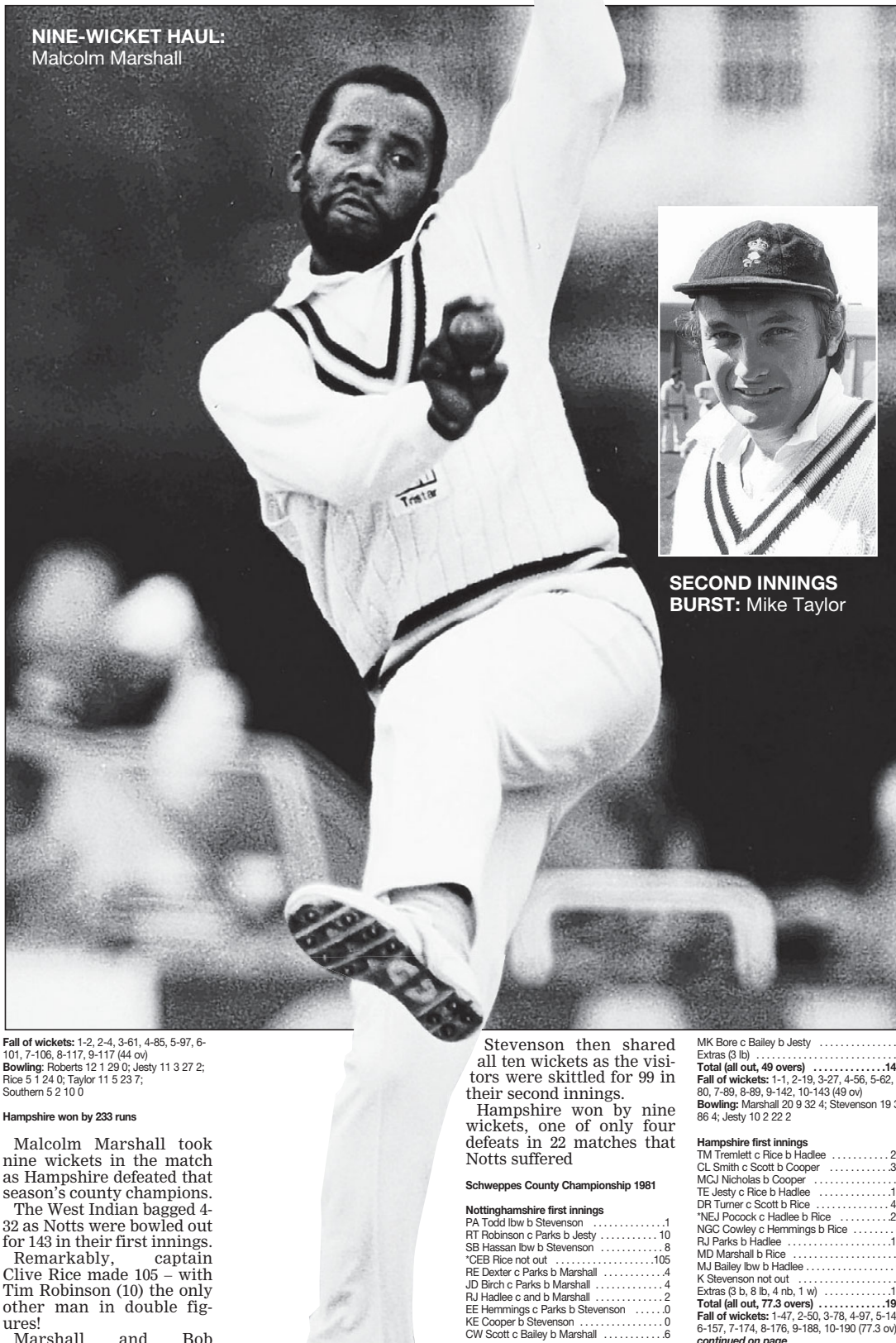
#### Hampshire second innings

CG Greenidge c Smedley b Wilkinson ..... 124  
 BA Richards lbw b Rice ..... 17  
 DJ Rock c White b Birch ..... 11  
 TE Jesty c Hassan b Birch ..... 34  
 NEJ Pocock b Wilkinson ..... 37  
 NGC Cowley b Rice ..... 6  
 JM Rice b Wilkinson ..... 13  
 MNS Taylor st French b Doshi ..... 19  
 \*+GR Stephenson not out ..... 34  
 AME Roberts c Hacker b Doshi ..... 0  
 JW Southern not out ..... 7  
 Extras (4 lb, 2 nb, 1 w) ..... 7  
**Total (9 wickets, dec, 84.4 overs) ..... 309**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-29, 2-81, 3-146, 4-208, 5-224, 6-242, 7-249, 8-281, 9-285  
**Bowling:** Rice 15 3 48 2; Birch 12.4 3 61 1;  
 Wilkinson 23 5 70 3; Doshi 19 6 72 2; White 15 1 51 1

#### Nottinghamshire second innings

SB Hassan c and b Taylor ..... 49  
 PD Johnson c Stephenson b Jesty ..... 1  
 DW Randall c Stephenson b Jesty ..... 2  
 CEB Rice b Taylor ..... 33  
 \*MJ Smedley c Greenidge b Taylor ..... 3  
 JD Birch b Taylor ..... 10  
 PA Wilkinson b Taylor ..... 4  
 BN French c Pocock b Taylor ..... 10  
 PJ Hacker not out ..... 1  
 DP Doshi b Taylor ..... 0  
 RA White absent ill ..... 4  
 Extras (3 lb, 1 w) ..... 4  
**Total (all out, 44 overs) ..... 117**

#### NINE-WICKET HAUL: Malcolm Marshall



#### SECOND INNINGS BURST: Mike Taylor

Stevenson then shared all ten wickets as the visitors were skittled for 99 in their second innings.

Hampshire won by nine wickets, one of only four defeats in 22 matches that Notts suffered

Schwepes County Championship 1981

#### Nottinghamshire first innings

PA Todd lbw b Stevenson ..... 1  
 RT Robinson c Parks b Jesty ..... 10  
 SB Hassan lbw b Stevenson ..... 8  
 \*CEB Rice not out ..... 105  
 RE Dexter c Parks b Marshall ..... 4  
 JD Birch c Parks b Marshall ..... 4  
 RJ Hadlee c and b Marshall ..... 2  
 EE Hemmings c Parks b Stevenson ..... 0  
 KE Cooper b Stevenson ..... 0  
 CW Scott c Bailey b Marshall ..... 6

MK Bore c Bailey b Jesty ..... 0  
 Extras (3 lb) ..... 3  
**Total (all out, 49 overs) ..... 143**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-1, 2-19, 3-27, 4-56, 5-62, 6-80, 7-89, 8-89, 9-142, 10-143 (49 ov)  
**Bowling:** Marshall 20 9 32 4; Stevenson 19 3 86 4; Jesty 10 2 22 2

#### Hampshire first innings

TM Tremlett c Rice b Hadlee ..... 23  
 CL Smith c Scott b Cooper ..... 34  
 MCJ Nicholas b Cooper ..... 1  
 TE Jesty c Rice b Hadlee ..... 15  
 DP Turner c Scott b Rice ..... 42  
 \*NEJ Pocock c Hadlee b Rice ..... 25  
 NGC Cowley c Hemmings b Rice ..... 4  
 RJ Parks b Hadlee ..... 15  
 MD Marshall b Rice ..... 8  
 MJ Bailey lbw b Hadlee ..... 6  
 K Stevenson not out ..... 1  
 Extras (3 b, 8 lb, 4 nb, 1 w) ..... 16  
**Total (all out, 77.3 overs) ..... 190**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-47, 2-50, 3-78, 4-97, 5-147, 6-157, 7-174, 8-176, 9-188, 10-190 (77.3 ov)  
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## Sports Quiz

1. When did a club from outside the Old Firm last win the Scottish title?
2. Which major was won by Phil Mickelson (below) in 2005?
3. West Indies bowler Tino Best played for which county in 2010?
4. Who is the defending champion at the Aegon Championship at Queen's Club?
5. Which NHL team plays at the Joe Louis Arena?
6. Before this season, in which year did Juventus last reach the semi-finals of the Champions League?
7. How many fights has unbeaten boxer Floyd Mayweather won in his career?
8. Where will July's Davis Cup World Group quarter-final between Great Britain and France take place?
9. In what year did Mark Williams beat Matthew Stevens in their all-Welsh final at the snooker World Championship?
10. How many times did Nick Faldo win the Open Championship?
11. Pep Guardiola (above) finished his playing career in which country?
12. Ryan Sidebottom won how many Test caps for England: 22, 32 or 42?
13. Who was the last Welshman to reach the final at the World Snooker Championship?
14. Who won the men's and women's races at last year's London Marathon?
15. Luol Deng (above) plays in the NBA for which side?



Answers: 1. 1985; 2. US PGA  
 Queen's Club; London; 9.  
 Red Wings; 6. 2003; 7. 47; 8.  
 4. Grigor Dimitrov; 5. Detroit;  
 Championship; 3. Yorkshire;  
 2000; 10. Thailand; 11. Mexico;  
 12. 22; 13. Matthew Stevens;  
 14. Wilson Kipsang and Edna  
 Kiplagat; 15. Miami Heat.

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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015

## Did You Know?

### On this day in sport, April 25

**1872:** CB Fry, one of the greatest all-round British sportsmen, was born. He played cricket for Sussex and Hampshire and was capped 26 times by England. He was an England football international and also appeared for Southampton in the 1902 FA Cup final. He also played rugby union for the Barbarians, and in 1893 he set a world long jump record. He died on September 7, 1956.

**2001:** Leeds wrapped up the £12million signing of Robbie Keane ahead of schedule by agreeing to stagger payments with Inter Milan.

**2001:** Peter Schmeichel bowed out of international football following his 129th Denmark appearance.

**2004:** Arsenal clinched the Premiership title by drawing 2-2 with Tottenham at White Hart Lane, and went on to end the league campaign unbeaten.

**2006:** Jens Lehmann saved a late Juan Roman Riquelme penalty as Arsenal claimed a goalless draw at Villarreal to seal their place in the Champions League final. They went on to lose the final 2-1 to Barcelona in Paris.

**2007:** It was confirmed that England World Cup winner Alan Ball had died aged 61. He died of a suspected heart attack after battling to put out a bonfire in his garden.

**2010:** Leeds beat Worcester 12-10 to condemn the Sixways club to relegation from rugby's Premiership after a six-year stay.

**2012:** Bayern Munich booked a place in the Champions League final against Chelsea with victory in the penalty shootout against Real Madrid. Cristiano Ronaldo missed in the shootout which Bayern won 3-1. The German side subsequently lost on penalties to Chelsea in the final at their own Allianz Arena.

**2013:** Chelsea defeated Basle 2-1 in the opening leg of their Europa League semi-final in Switzerland. The Blues went on to win the second leg 3-1 and subsequently lifted the trophy thanks to a 2-1 win over Benfica in the Amsterdam Arena.

**2014:** Former Barcelona coach Tito Vilanova died of throat cancer at the age of 45. Vilanova led the Catalan club for a season after taking over from Pep Guardiola in 2012 but was forced to resign in 2013 due to ill health. He had first been diagnosed with parotid gland cancer in November 2011.

# GREAT VICTORIES

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**Bowling:** Hadlee 28.3 9 59 4; Rice 19 6 50 4; Bore 6 2 11 0; Cooper 18 7 42 2; Hemmings 6 0 12 0

#### Nottinghamshire second innings

PA Todd lbw b Stevenson ..... 6  
SB Hassan lbw b Stevenson ..... 12  
RE Dexter c Smith b Marshall ..... 4  
JD Birch lbw b Stevenson ..... 6  
\*CEB Rice c Nicholas b Marshall ..... 9  
RJ Hadlee c Jesty b Stevenson ..... 40  
EE Hemmings lbw b Stevenson ..... 2  
KE Cooper b Marshall ..... 8  
CW Scott c Turner b Marshall ..... 8  
MK Bore c Pocock b Marshall ..... 4  
RT Robinson not out ..... 4  
Extras (3 lb) ..... 3  
Total (all out, 32.2 overs) ..... 99  
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-18, 3-30, 4-30, 5-57, 6-60, 7-77, 8-83, 9-88, 10-99 (32.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Marshall 16.2 2 64 5; Stevenson 16 7 32 5

#### Hampshire second innings

TM Tremlett c sub b Hemmings ..... 8  
CL Smith not out ..... 18  
MCJ Nicholas not out ..... 22  
Extras (4 lb, 1 nb) ..... 5  
Total (1 wicket, 18.3 overs) ..... 53  
Fall of wickets: 1-23 (Tremlett)  
**Bowling:** Hadlee 3 0 11 0; Rice 5 1 9 0; Bore 4 0 20 0; Hemmings 6.3 5 8 1

#### Hampshire won by 9 wickets

Malcolm Marshall again took nine wickets in the match when Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire nine years later, in 1990.

This time his 4-30 first innings haul helped rout Notts for just 110 in reply to Hampshire's 301.

Following on, the visitors made 274 with Marshall mopping up the tail to end with 5-64.

That left Hampshire with just 84 to win.

#### Britannic Assurance County Championship 1990

##### Hampshire first innings

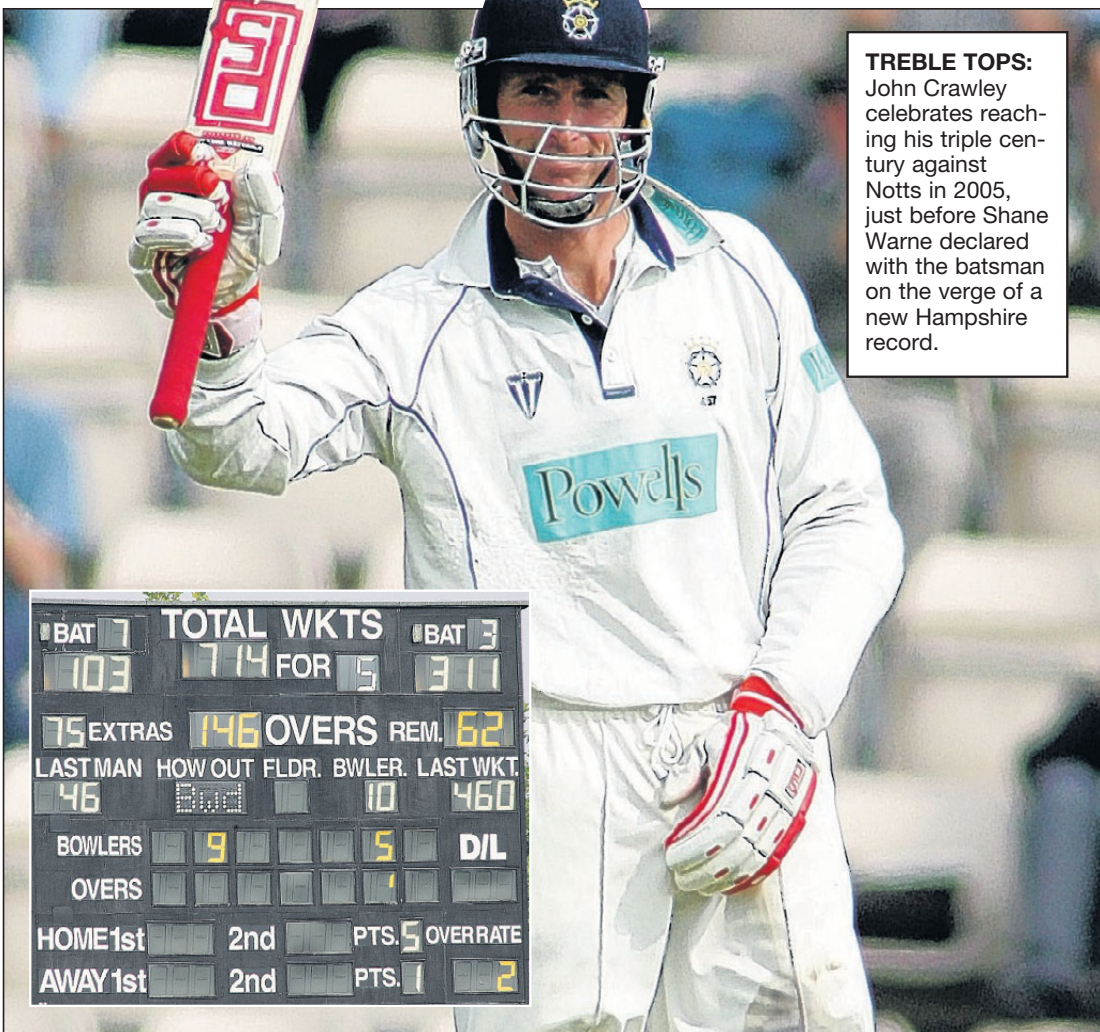
VP Terry c Cooper b Stephenson ..... 0  
CL Smith c Pollard b Stephenson ..... 85  
TC Middleton c Evans b Saxelby ..... 37  
\*MCJ Nicholas c Robinson b Cooper ..... 70  
MD Marshall c Newell b Afford ..... 5  
JR Wood c French b Evans ..... 11  
JR Ayling lbw b Evans ..... 61  
RJ Parks c Evans b Cooper ..... 0  
RJ Maru c Robinson b Evans ..... 19  
CA Connor not out ..... 2  
PJ Bakker not out ..... 10  
Extras (9 lb, 1 w) ..... 10  
Total (9 wickets, dec, 100 overs) ..... 301  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Terry), 2-109, 3-149, 4-170, 5-198, 6-257, 7-257, 8-285, 9-298  
**Bowling:** Stephenson 23 6 78 2; Cooper 24 7 49 2; Evans 21 3 76 3; Afford 21 6 58 1; Saxelby 11 3 31 1

##### Nottinghamshire first innings

BC Broad b Maru ..... 8  
PR Pollard b Bakker ..... 21  
KP Evans c Terry b Marshall ..... 8  
M Newell run out ..... 13  
\*RT Robinson c Maru b Connor ..... 33  
P Johnson c Terry b Maru ..... 34  
M Saxelby b Connor ..... 0  
FD Stephenson lbw b Marshall ..... 10  
BN French lbw b Marshall ..... 0  
KE Cooper b Marshall ..... 6  
JA Afford not out ..... 0  
Extras (4 lb, 2 lb, 1 w) ..... 7  
Total (all out, 47.1 overs) ..... 110  
Fall of wickets: 1-10 (Broad), 2-41, 3-47, 4-55, 5-63, 6-63, 7-99, 8-104, 9-110, 10-110 (47.1 ov)  
**Bowling:** Bakker 9 4 28 1; Marshall 16.1 4 30 4; Maru 8 6 5 2; Ayling 7 3 12 0; Connor 7 2 29 2

##### Notts second innings (following on)

BC Broad c Parks b Connor ..... 13  
PR Pollard c Wood b Maru ..... 21  
M Newell c Parks b Marshall ..... 34  
\*RT Robinson c Marshall b Ayling ..... 7



#### TREBLE TOPS:

John Crawley celebrates reaching his triple century against Notts in 2005, just before Shane Warne declared with the batsman on the verge of a new Hampshire record.

BAT	1	TOTAL WKTS	BAT	3
103		714	FOR	5
75	EXTRAS	146	OVERS	62
LAST MAN	HOW OUT	FLDR.	BWLR.	LAST WKT.
46			10	460
BOWLERS	9		5	D/L
OVERS				
HOME 1st	2nd	PTS.	5	OVERRATE
AWAY 1st	2nd	PTS.	1	2

P Johnson b Maru ..... 8  
M Saxelby c Smith b Bakker ..... 51  
FD Stephenson not out ..... 88  
BN French lbw b Marshall ..... 21  
KP Evans c Parks b Marshall ..... 7  
KE Cooper c Maru b Marshall ..... 7  
JA Afford c Parks b Marshall ..... 1  
Extras (4 lb, 7 lb, 3 nb, 2 w) ..... 16  
Total (all out, 92.1 overs) ..... 274  
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-43, 3-54, 4-63, 5-118, 6-176, 7-216, 8-228, 9-259, 10-274 (92.1 ov)  
**Bowling:** Bakker 18 3 57 1; Marshall 21.1 4 64 5; Maru 30 6 87 2; Ayling 9 4 14 1; Connor 14 3 41 1

##### Hampshire second innings

TC Middleton b Afford ..... 5  
CL Smith not out ..... 46  
\*MCJ Nicholas c Afford b Cooper ..... 9  
MD Marshall not out ..... 23  
Extras (1 lb) ..... 1  
Total (2 wickets, 26 overs) ..... 84  
Fall of wickets: 1-25 (Middleton), 2-50 (Nicholas)  
**Bowling:** Stephenson 8 1 26 0; Cooper 8 3 15 1; Afford 9 3 38 1; Saxelby 1 0 4 0

##### Hampshire won by 8 wickets

An incredible last wicket stand failed to prevent Hampshire from beating Nottinghamshire in their first clash at The Ageas Bowl in 2001.

Replying to Hampshire's

347, Notts slumped to 74-9 before a last-wicket stand of 135 between Chris Read and No 11 Richard Stemp.

Derek Kenway struck 166 in Hampshire's second innings before Alan Mullally's 5-68 haul blew Notts away for 152.

Hampshire won by a huge 338-run margin.

#### CricInfo Championship 2001 (Division 2)

##### Hampshire first innings

DA Kenway c Read b Logan ..... 25  
GW White b Logan ..... 18  
WS Kendall lbw b Smith ..... 14  
\*RA Smith c Blewett b Pietersen ..... 49  
NC Johnson c Read b Harris ..... 16  
AD Mascarenhas b Stemp ..... 37  
AN Aymes not out ..... 112  
SD Udall c Morris b Logan ..... 20  
AC Morris c Pietersen b Smith ..... 12  
CT Tremlett c Read b Harris ..... 26  
AD Mullally c Blewett b Harris ..... 0  
Extras (4 lb, 6 lb, 8 nb) ..... 18  
Total (all out, 104 overs) ..... 347  
Fall of wickets: 1-42 (Kenway), 2-49 (White), 3-70 (Kendall), 4-116 (Johnson), 5-134 (Smith), 6-217 (Mascarenhas), 7-256 (Udal), 8-290 (Morris), 9-341 (Tremlett), 10-347 (Mullally)  
**Bowling:** Smith 24 2 62 2; Harris 26 6 79 3; Logan 19 2 75 3; Stemp 27 2 97 1; Pietersen 8 2 24 1

##### Nottinghamshire first innings

\*DJ Bicknell lbw b Mullally ..... 0  
JE Morris c and b Morris ..... 14  
GS Blewett b Morris ..... 13  
P Johnson lbw b Tremlett ..... 5  
KP Pietersen c Kenway b Morris ..... 2  
CMW Read not out ..... 76  
RJ Logan b Tremlett ..... 1  
BM Shafayat c Kenway b Mullally ..... 4  
AJ Harris c Johnson b Tremlett ..... 4  
GJ Smith c Mullally b Mascarenhas ..... 8  
RD Stemp c Kenway b Johnson ..... 66  
Extras (2 lb, 8 lb, 2 nb, 4 w) ..... 16  
Total (all out, 55.3 overs) ..... 209  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Bicknell), 2-27 (Blewett), 3-28 (Morris), 4-30 (Pietersen), 5-37 (Johnson), 6-47 (Logan), 7-54 (Shafayat), 8-65 (Harris), 9-74 (Smith), 10-209 (Stemp)  
**Bowling:** Mullally 15 3 45 2; Morris 9 1 42 3; Mascarenhas 10 2 28 1; Tremlett 13 4 47 3; Udall 3 0 14 0; Johnson 5.3 0 23 1

##### Hampshire second innings

GW White c Johnson b Logan ..... 15  
DA Kenway c Read b Stemp ..... 166  
WS Kendall b Logan ..... 0  
\*RA Smith c Blewett b Harris ..... 1  
NC Johnson st Read b Stemp ..... 49  
AD Mascarenhas b Stemp ..... 36  
AN Aymes c Pietersen b Logan ..... 39  
SD Udall c Read b Logan ..... 10  
AC Morris not out ..... 16  
CT Tremlett not out ..... 1  
AD Mullally did not bat ..... 21  
Extras (4 lb, 11 lb, 2 nb, 2 w) ..... 19  
Total (8 wickets, declared, 94 overs) ..... 352  
Fall of wickets: 1-33 (White), 2-33 (Kendall), 3-

42 (Smith), 4-195 (Johnson), 5-261 (Mascarenhas), 6-290 (Kenway), 7-319 (Udal), 8-340 (Aymes)  
**Bowling:** Smith 10 0 41 0; Logan 24 4 103 4; Harris 17 6 53 1; Stemp 28 8 86 3; Pietersen 15 1 54 0

##### Nottinghamshire second innings

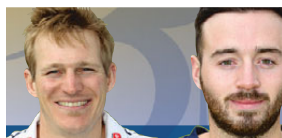
\*DJ Bicknell b Morris ..... 5  
JE Morris c Kendall b Mullally ..... 2  
GS Blewett c Udall b Mullally ..... 16  
P Johnson c Morris b Mullally ..... 0  
KP Pietersen c Kenway b Tremlett ..... 8  
BM Shafayat b Mullally ..... 14  
CMW Read c Aymes b Tremlett ..... 38  
RJ Logan c Kenway b Tremlett ..... 28  
AJ Harris c White b Mullally ..... 10  
RD Stemp c Kenway b Johnson ..... 10  
GJ Smith not out ..... 0  
Extras (3 lb, 10 nb, 8 w) ..... 21  
Total (all out, 54.5 overs) ..... 152  
Fall of wickets: 1-7 (Bicknell), 2-9 (Morris), 3-9 (Johnson), 4-37 (Pietersen), 5-39 (Blewett), 6-95 (Read), 7-99 (Shafayat), 8-124 (Harris), 9-148 (Stemp), 10-152 (Logan)  
**Bowling:** Mullally 19 2 68 5; Morris 15 4 40 1; Udall 3 2 1 0; Tremlett 9.5 4 15 3; Johnson 3 1 13 1; Mascarenhas 4 0 11 0; White 1 0 1 0

##### Hampshire won by 338 runs

Records tumbled at The Ageas Bowl as Hampshire hammered newly-crowned champions Nottinghamshire by an

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innings and plenty.

John Crawley was within sight of establishing a new individual innings record for a Hampshire player when he reached 311.

Bizarrely, captain Shane Warne then declared, once Dimi Mascarenhas had reached his hundred, with Crawley just five runs short of equalling Dick Moore's 316 against Warwickshire at Bournemouth in 1937.

Crawley had put on 162 for the fourth wicket with Jono McLean (67) and 108 for the fifth wicket with Nic Pothas (46).

The former England batsman then added an unbroken 254 for the sixth wicket with Mascarenhas (103no).

The latter followed his century up with a 5-55 burst that saw Notts follow on 501 runs adrift on first innings.

Shaun Udal took four second innings wickets as Hampshire claimed an innings and 188-runs success.

As a result, they finished runners-up in the Championship's top flight – just two points behind the team they had just out-classed.

Frizzell County Championship 2005 (Division 1)

#### Hampshire first innings

SM Ervine b Harris ..... 9  
JHK Adams c Gallian b Swann ..... 50  
JP Crawley not out ..... 311  
SM Katich c Read b Footitt ..... 53  
JU McLean c Fleming b Franks ..... 67  
N Pothas b Harris ..... 46  
AD Mascarenhas not out ..... 103  
Extras (10 b, 13 lb, 38 nb, 14 w) ..... 75  
**Total (5 wickets, declared, 146.3 overs) 714**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-10 (Ervine), 2-107 (Adams), 3-190 (Katich), 4-352 (McLean), 5-460 (Pothas)  
**Bowling:** GJ Smith 31.3 130 0; Harris 30.8 104 2; Footitt 17.0 153 1; Franks 20.1 89 1; Swann 39.5 145 1; WR Smith 9.3 0 70 0

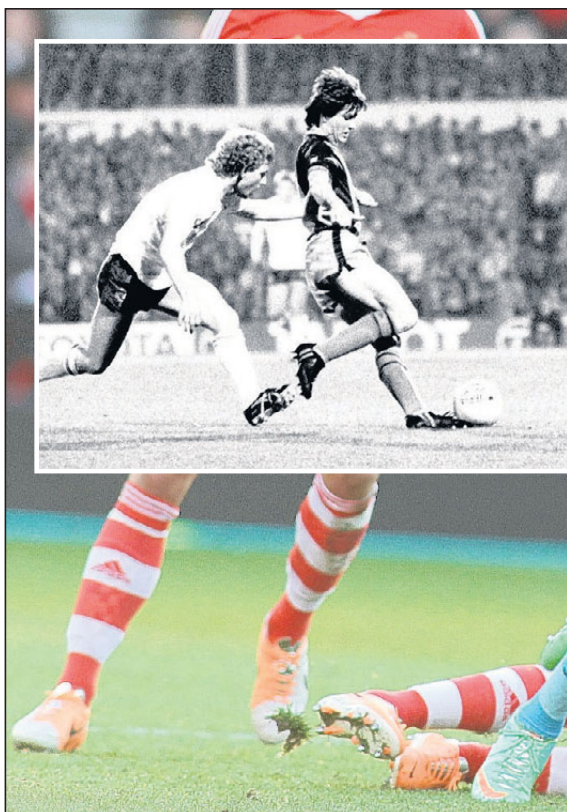
#### Nottinghamshire first innings

DJ Bicknell c Pothas b Bruce ..... 11  
JER Gallian c Pothas b Mascarenhas ..... 26  
WR Smith c Crawley b Mascarenhas ..... 13  
RJ Warren c Crawley b Udal ..... 8  
\*SP Fleming c Katich b Mascarenhas ..... 42  
CMW Read c Bruce b Mascarenhas ..... 34  
PJ Franks not out ..... 27  
GP Swann b Mascarenhas ..... 9  
GJ Smith c Pothas b Udal ..... 7  
AJ Harris c and b Udal ..... 5  
MHA Footitt c Mascarenhas b Udal ..... 0  
Extras (9 lb, 20 nb, 2 w) ..... 31  
**Total (all out, 55.2 overs) 213**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-14 (Bicknell), 2-47 (WR Smith), 3-56 (Gallian), 4-81 (Warren), 5-150 (Read), 6-150 (Fleming), 7-170 (Swann), 8-191 (GJ Smith), 9-199 (Harris), 10-213 (Footitt)  
**Bowling:** Bruce 7.1 19 1; Logan 9.2 35 0; Mascarenhas 14.2 55 5; Ervine 7.4 1 50 0; Udal 16.2 34 4; Warne 1.2 0 6 0

#### Nottinghamshire second innings (following on)

DJ Bicknell c Pothas b Udal ..... 97  
JER Gallian lbw b Mascarenhas ..... 5  
WR Smith c Pothas b Bruce ..... 10  
RJ Warren c Pothas b Logan ..... 29  
\*SP Fleming c Adams b Warne ..... 13  
CMW Read c Adams b Udal ..... 63  
PJ Franks c Bruce b Mascarenhas ..... 24  
GP Swann c McLean b Udal ..... 14  
GJ Smith c Adams b Udal ..... 23  
AJ Harris c Warne b Bruce ..... 1  
MHA Footitt not out ..... 19  
Extras (2 b, 7 lb, 5 nb, 1 w) ..... 15  
**Total (all out, 67.5 overs) 313**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-24 (Gallian), 2-55 (WR Smith), 3-120 (Warren), 4-133 (Fleming), 5-189 (Bicknell), 6-241 (Franks), 7-261 (Read), 8-268 (Swann), 9-269 (Harris), 10-313 (GJ Smith)  
**Bowling:** Bruce 17.4 42 2; Logan 12.0 86 1; Mascarenhas 13.3 38 2; Udal 11.5 0 70 4; Warne 13.4 67 1; Adams 1.0 1 0

Result Hampshire won by an innings and 188 runs



**SAINTS UNDONE:** Morgan Schneiderlin tussles with Emmanuel Adebayor in the December 2013 clash. **INSET:** Action from the 1982 clash.

# When Saints took on Tottenham

## FROM PAGE 31

Graham Baker opened the scoring on 15 minutes before Allen converted a controversial penalty in the 89th minute to win the game for Saints.

### 25 February 1989 Saints 0 Spurs 2 Division One

Goals from Chris Waddle and Spanish midfielder Nayim secured Spurs first away win at The Dell for six years.

### 4 November 1989 Saints 1 Spurs 1 Division One

Paul Gascoigne put Spurs ahead just before the break, with Alan Shearer nodding the ball down for Glenn Cockerill to level on the hour mark.

### 29 December 1990 Saints 3 Spurs 0 Division 1

Matt Le Tissier struck twice either side of Rod Wallace making it 2-0 on 67 minutes.

### 17 August 1991 Saints 2 Spurs 3 Division 1

Alan Shearer scored the first goal of the 1991/92 season Division 1 season after just two minutes.

Saints were undone, though, by a Gary Lineker brace and a goal from Gordon Durie.

### 15 August 1992 Saints 0 Spurs 0 Premier League

No goals at The Dell on the opening day of the first ever Premier League season.

### 6 November 1993 Saints 1 Spurs 0 Premier League

Neil Maddison scored the only goal on 60 minutes assisted by a creative Le Tissier chip.

### 02 April 1995 Saints 4 Spurs 3 Premier League

Neil Heaney opened the scoring for Saints on 13 minutes before Spurs took the lead with goals from Teddy Sherringham and Ronny Rosenthal nearly gave Spurs the lead at half time despite a Matt Le Tissier goal on 44 minutes. Le Tissier opened the scoring in the second half to take it to 3-2 before Sherringham equalised with a left footed strike. Jim Magilton earned Saints the win on 62 minutes.

### 26 December 1995 Saints 0 Spurs 0 Premier League

### 14 September 1996 Saints 0 Spurs 1 Premier League

A Chris Armstrong penalty was all it took for Spurs to take all three points back to North London.

### 25 October 1997 Saints 3 Spurs 2 Premier League

Two second half goals from David Hirst, on his home debut, gave Saints victory after they had trailed 1-0 at the interval.

Jose Dominguez and David Ginola twice put Spurs ahead, with Sol Campbell's own goal levelling in between.

Hirst then struck in the 67th and 79th minutes to make himself an instant favourite with the home supporters.

### 19 September 1998 Saints 1 Spurs 1 Premier League

Ruel Fox gave Spurs the lead after 25 minutes before Matt Le Tissier equalised on 64 minutes.

### 20 November 1999 Saints 0 Spurs 1 Premier League

Cluas Lundekvam was sent off in the closing seconds as the visitors won thanks to an 81st minute effort from Oyvind Leonhardsen. Jo Tessem made a losing debut for Saints.

### 27 December 2000 Saints 2 Spurs 0 Premier League

James Beattie opened the scoring before Kevin Davies volleyed home on 39 minutes to seal Saints' win in front of the live Sky cameras.

### 26 December 2001 Saints 1 Spurs 0 Premier League

A record breaking crowd (31,719) in the first season at St Mary's witness James Beattie score the only goal in the 55th minute against a Spurs side managed by ex-Saints boss Glenn Hoddle.

1 January 2003

### Saints 1 Spurs 0 Premier League

James Beattie is the difference again as his 82nd minute goal gives Saints another three points at Glenn Hoddle's expense.

### 27 March 2004 Saints 1 Spurs 0 Premier League

Rory Delap's 64th minute goal gave Paul Sturrock a second successive home win as Saints manager.

### 5 March 2005 Saints 1 Spurs 0 Premier League

January transfer window signing Nigel Quashie scores his first goal for the club as Saints claim a fifth straight home league win over Spurs without conceding a single goal.

### 28 October 2012 Saints 1 Spurs 2 Premier League

Former Saints youngster Gareth Bale scored Spurs' first ever goal at St. Mary's before Clint Dempsey gave them a 2-0 lead at the break. A second half goal from Jay Rodriguez wasn't enough for Saints.

### 22 December 2013 Saints 2 Spurs 3 Premier League

Adam Lallana put saints in-front 13 minutes in however a brace from Emmanuel Adebayor and a Jos Hooiveld own goal was the undoing of Saints' despite a goal from Rickie Lambert.

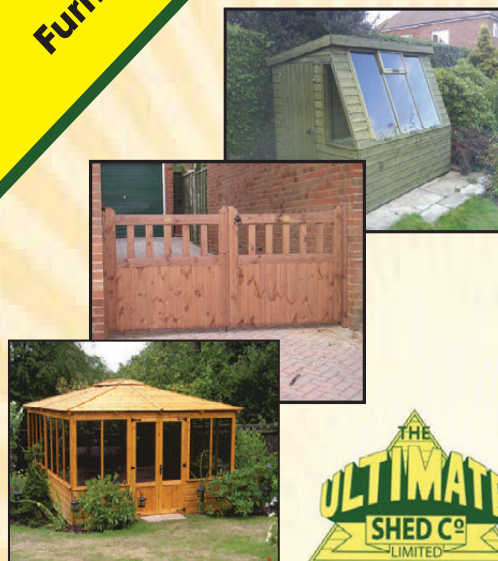
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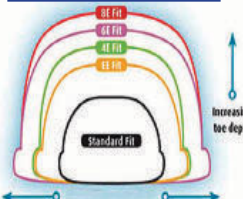


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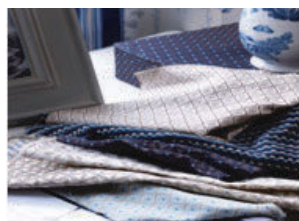
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Huddersfld	45	8	8	7	34	34	5	7	10	24	41	54
Fulham	45	9	5	9	36	38	5	5	12	24	41	52
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Millwall	45	5	7	11	25	40	4	7	11	15	32	41
Wigan	45	3	8	12	18	29	6	4	12	21	32	39
Blackpool	45	4	6	12	18	35	0	7	16	18	56	25

SkyBet League One

Bradford	1	Barnsley	0									
Stead 17		Att 15,560										
HT 1-0												
Chesterfield	0	Bristol City	2									
HT 0-1		Agard 31										
Coventry	1	Crewe	3									
Proschwitz 85		Flint 59										
		Att 9,615										
		Dalla Valle 23										
HT 0-2		Coldough 35										
Fleetwood Town	2	Colchester	3									
Proctor 65		Haber 73										
Ball 74		Att 13,983										
HT 0-0		Moncur 47										
HT 0-0		Massey 84										
HT 0-0		Porter 87 pen										
		Att 3,129										
Leyton Orient	1	Sheff Utd	1									
Baudry 71		Harris 77										
HT 0-0		Att 7,249										
Notts County	2	Doncaster	1									
G Thompson 8		Tyson 90 pen										
Noble 60		Att 5,857										
Peterborough	4	Crawley	3									
Washington 43,90		Elliott 29										
Bostwick 51,87		Pogba 57										
HT 1-1		Simpson 66										
HT 1-1		Att 6,270										
Preston	3	Swindon	0									
Garner 2,45,51		Att 17,621										
HT 2-0												
Rochdale	2	M K Dons	3									
Vincenti 66		Carruthers 16										
Henderson 86		Bowditch 29										
HT 0-2		Powell 76										
HT 0-2		Att 3,501										
Scunthorpe	L	Gillingham	L									
Adelakun 11		Norris 2										
McSheffrey 19		Att 3,763										
HT 2-1												
Walsall	2	Oldham	0									
Bradshaw 18,24 pen		Att 4,699										
HT 2-0												
Yeovil	1	Port Vale	2									
Ugwu 80		Pope 13										
HT 0-1		Brown 82										
		Att 4,127										
HOME AWAY												
P	W	D	L									
F	A	F	A									
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Bristol City	45	15	5	2	40	15	13	7	3	48	21	96
Preston	45	13	9	1	43	21	12	5	5	36	18	89
M K Dons	45	15	3	4	55	18	11	7	5	41	25	88
Swindon	44	12	4	6	36	26	11	4	7	37	28	77
Sheff Utd	45	10	6	6	34	23	9	7	7	31	29	70
Chesterfield	45	12	4	7	42	26	7	7	8	25	28	68
Rochdale	45	11	3	9	36	29	8	3	11	36	32	63
Bradford	45	8	6	9	26	33	8	8	6	28	22	62
Peterborough	45	10	5	8	27	26	8	3	11	25	29	62
Fleetwood	45	8	9	6	28	27	8	3	11	19	24	60
Walsall	45	8	8	7	28	24	6	9	7	20	22	59
Gillingham	44	10	6	3	34	28	5	8	9	27	35	59
Barnsley	45	10	5	7	36	29	6	6	11	21	32	59
Doncaster	45	6	6	10	19	27	9	7	7	34	33	58
Oldham	45	8	7	7	31	33	6	7	10	22	33	56
Port Vale	45	8	5	9	30	29	7	4	12	24	34	54
Scunthorpe	44	8	6	8	25	27	5	8	9	33	42	53
Coventry	45	6	9	8	25	33	6	7	9	22	26	52
Crewe	45	8	7	7	21	27	6	3	14	22	47	52
Notts County	45	5	6	12	24	33	7	8	7	20	27	50
Crawley	45	9	6	7	29	31	4	5	14	23	46	50
Leyton Orient	45	5	6	12	30	34	7	6	9	27	33	48
Colchester	44	6	3	12	28	35	7	6	10	28	41	48
Yeovil	45	5	7	11	17	33	5	3	14	18	37	40

SkyBet League Two

Burton Albion.....	3	Northmptn.....	1									
Akins 4,41 pen		D Ath 54										
HT 3-0		Att 5,720										
Bury.....	2	AFC Wimbledon	0									
Soares 33												
Lowie 77		Att 4,099										
HT 1-0												
Cheltnham.....	0	Shrewsbry.....	1									
HT 0-1		Alkpa Akpro 20										
Dagenham.....	4	Acc Stanley.....	0									
Partridge 20		Att 5,117										
Curtson 47												
Raymond 67												
Jones 90												
HT 1-0		Att 2,038										
Hartlepool.....	2	Exeter.....	1									
Fenwick 15		Cummins 17										
Hugill 44												
HT 2-1		Att 4,994										
Mansfield.....	1	POMPEY.....	2									
Thomas 68		Tubbs 2 pen										
HT 0-1		Wallace 55										
Oxford Utd.....	2	Cambridge.....	0									
Roofe 31		Att 4,954										
HT 2-0												
Plymouth.....	3	Tranmere.....	2									
R Reid 7 pen		Power 34										
Holmes-Dennis 37		Odejayi 89										
Alessandra 81		Att 9,769										
HT 2-1												
HOME AWAY												
P W D L F A W D L F A Pt												
Burton Alb	45	16	4	3	34	13	11	6	5	32	24	91
Shrewsbry	45	17	4	1	43	9	10	4	9	24	20	89
Southend	45	12	8	3	25	9	12	4	6	28	26	84
Bury	45	14	3	6	33	20	11	4	7	26	20	82
Wycombe	45	10	7	6	30	25	12	8	2	34	18	81
Stevenage	45	15	3	5	37	23	5	9	8	25	29	82
Plymouth	45	13	6	4	34	14	6	5	11	19	23	68
Luton	45	12	4	6	35	19	6	7	10	17	25	65
Newport C	45	9	7	6	30	24	9	6	10	21	29	65
Northmptn	45	13	2	7	37	24	5	5	13	28	35	61
Exeter	45	7	8	7	28	28	9	5	9	31	36	61
Morecambe	45	7	6	9	23	27	9	6	8	27	24	60
Dagenham	45	9	3	10	30	26	8	5	9	27	31	59
Oxford Utd	45	7	9	7	27	24	7	7	8	22	25	58
AFC W'd	45	10	5	7	30	24	10	5	7	25	25	57
Acc Stanley	45	10	4	8	27	24	10	5	7	25	25	57
Tranmere	45	10	4	8	27	24	10	5	7	25	25	57
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# FIND THE BALL



## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT

# £34,000

## or £1,000 nearest miss prize...

**PLUS 70 consolation prizes of £15 each week****20 for Southern Daily Echo  
20 for Daily Echo Bournemouth  
10 for Dorset Echo  
10 for Sunday Independent  
10 for Brighton Argus**

**F**IND THE BALL is a test of skill and football knowledge and is open to readers of the Southampton, Bournemouth, Dorset Echos, Brighton Argus and Sunday Independent, Plymouth.

You have to use your skill and judgement to determine the exact centre of the ball.

Mark an X with a ballpoint pen on the picture where you consider that position to be – clear rubber stamps and self adhesive labels will also be accepted.

Every coupon will be carefully examined and the jackpot prize will be paid to the entrant whose cross marks the exact centre of the ball when the photograph was taken.

If the Jackpot is not won, £1,000 will be added to next week's jackpot.

The nearest-miss prize of £1,000 will be paid out each week to the

competitor whose cross is nearest to the centre of the ball when there is no jackpot winner.

When a jackpot has been won the next week's prize reverts back to £5,000 and the nearest-miss prize stays at £1,000.

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If there is more than one winner the jackpot will be shared and, similarly, if there is more than one runner-up the nearest miss prize will also be shared.

### RESULTS



**CLOSING DATE FOR POSTAL ENTRIES**  
Thursday  
9am,  
30 April, 2015  
Names of winners will be published on  
Saturday,  
2 May  
or  
3 May  
2015

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### Winners

Competition number **S15**

## JACKPOT WINNER NO WINNER

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who wins the nearest miss prize of £1,000

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D Bartlett, Titchfield, Hants  
N Bull, Southampton, Hants  
S Crook, North Baddesley, Hants  
M Dunham, Southampton, Hants  
R Frost, Lee On Solent, Hants  
C Grant, Southampton, Hants  
S Guy, Fordingbridge, Hants  
T Hall, Southampton, Hants  
L Hine, Southampton, Hants

W McDonald, Southampton, Hants  
M McDonald, Southampton, Hants  
H Martel, Botley, Hants  
F Palmer, Southampton, Hants  
M Perkins, Eastleigh, Hants  
J Preece, Eastleigh, Hants  
J Symonds, Southampton, Hants  
J Taylor, Southampton, Hants  
J Tilburn, Southampton, Hants  
B Trodd, Southampton, Hants

### Rules

**1.** You are allowed a minimum of 60 crosses and a maximum of 450 per coupon. Coupons with 451 or more will be disqualified. Entries altered, defaced or mutilated will be invalid. Crosses must be distinct and separate. **2.** Competitors may submit as many coupons as they wish. Members of a family can send their entries in one envelope with a covering postal order or cheque. **3.** No responsibility can be accepted for entries delayed, lost or mislaid. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. **4.** Payment may be made by postal order or cheque for the correct amount payable to Newsquest, and crossed & Co.'s Stamps will not be accepted in payment. **5.** A competitor cannot win more than one share of the prize money across all titles each week. **6.** The Editor's decision on winning entry or entries and matters relating to this competition is binding in honour only. **NO CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE ENTERED INTO.** **7.** Employees of NEWSQUEST Media Group and subsidiary companies and members of their families are not eligible to enter the competition. **8.** Address entries to FTB, Newspaper House, Test Lane, Southampton, SO16 9JX in a sealed envelope. Understamped entries are not accepted. **9.** Prize monies are held for and on behalf of winners. **10.** Do not send cash in the post. **11.** Winners will be required to participate in publicity. **12.** Photocopies not accepted. **13.** For rules go to [www.dailyecho.co.uk/promotions/rules](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/promotions/rules). **14.** If you pay by cheque your prize money will be paid to you once cheque has cleared.



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12 noon Tuesday  
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12 noon Tuesday  
**Dorset Echo**  
Closing time Monday

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closing time Monday  
**Southern Daily Echo**  
10.00 am Tuesday  
**Dorset Echo**  
Closing time Monday

A list of participating newsagents will be published in the Echos on the first Saturday of each month

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